

Lottery Legislation Stagnates; Chance of Referendum Low

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As the 2001 session of the N.C. General Assembly begins to wind down, it is still not clear if legislation calling for a referendum on a statewide lottery will be heard during the current session.

A lottery to fund improvements in education was part of Gov. Mike Easley's platform bid for election last fall. After the bill sat idle for most of the session in the House Rules Committee, the committee held a public hearing on the lottery in early October. But there has been no legislative activity on the bill since then, and no plans have been made for its future.

Danny Lineberry, press secretary for House Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, said the speaker has yet to decide if there will be further debate on the legislation during the current session. Black has never expressed support for the lottery but has said he will not use his powers as speaker to block its passage.

Lottery legislation passed the N.C. Senate several times in the past decade, but Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight, D-Dare, said the Senate will not deal with the lottery this session until it is first passed by the House.

Rep. Gordon Allen, D-Person, a

member of the House Rules Committee, said the different bills will not be brought up until redistricting legislation is completed. "The leadership has said (the lottery bill) will not be taken up before redistricting is complete," he said.

The House has taken up discussion of congressional redistricting after spending several weeks trying to pass an N.C. House redistricting plan. Congressional redistricting is the last major piece of legislation the General Assembly is expected to take up this session.

Lineberry said he expects the General Assembly to adjourn within the next few weeks.

Rep. William Owens, D-Camden, who sponsored two out of the three lottery bills sitting in the House, said lobbying efforts by anti-lottery factions have eroded support in the House for a state lottery. "We had a lot of letters and calls against it and not a lot for it," he said. "Representatives listen to their constituents."

Owens said several legislators recently switched sides, and divisive political issues in the House have further complicated efforts to pass a statewide lottery.

Owens said the legislation probably will come up again in future sessions.

He said as neighboring states such as South Carolina and Tennessee imple-

ment lotteries and more North Carolina money crosses state lines, lottery legislation will gain more support.

A coalition of anti-lottery groups formed the Citizens United Against the Lottery when lottery bills were first proposed last winter.

The group has members representing a myriad of interests - from economic justice to traditional family values.

John Rustin, director of government relations for the N.C. Family Policy Council, a conservative nonprofit organization that researches issues affecting families, said he thinks the anti-lottery effort has had success so far because of its broad-based coalition. "One of the fundamental strategies for success is forming coalitions with folks who have similar positions even if they come to them for different reasons," Rustin said.

Dan Gerlach, director of the N.C. Budget and Tax Center, said increased awareness and education caused the public to decrease its support for the lottery.

He said, "The lottery is no longer the golden goose people thought it was. People are kind of tired of the lottery now."

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on their parents' laps - and nine crew members. Police said the body of one man was found holding a baby. "I don't believe there are any survivors at this point," Giuliani said. By early evening, 225 bodies had been recovered, he said.

As night fell, several hundred search crews working under the glare of klieg lights - the kind of lights used at ground zero at the Trade Center - formed bucket brigades and separated the debris into gruesome piles: luggage, plane parts, house debris and human remains. Police said the bodies were being found intact.

At least six and perhaps as many as eight people, all adults, were reported missing on the ground, the mayor said. Six houses were destroyed, and six others sustained serious damage - in some cases, the siding was melted off the homes by intense heat.

Roberto Valentin, a Dominican ambassador at large, spoke through tears when he said he believed 90 percent of the passengers were Dominican. New York City has 455,000 Dominicans.

The NTSB was designated the lead agency in the investigation, signaling authorities believe a mechanical malfunction - not a terrorist attack - brought down the plane.

A law enforcement source at the scene told The Associated Press that the likelihood of a mechanical problem stemmed from the fact that flames were seen shooting out of the left engine and that witnesses reported the plane had difficulty climbing and was banking to the left.

The Airbus had two CF6-80C2 engines made by General Electric. In March, the FAA directed airlines to inspect such engines for possible cracks in turbine rotor discs. The cracks could cause the discs to fly apart and prompt engine failure, the FAA said. The alert was issued after the FAA received a report of an engine failure during a maintenance run on the ground.

Ann Mollica, an aerospace engineer with the FAA in Burlington, Mass., said she was unable to say whether the problem was related to Monday's crash.

Student Body President Justin Young said he and Moeser will work to mobilize student input on the plan before the end of the semester. "We'll definitely be working to inform the student body," he said.

The last time the BOT passed a campus-initiated tuition increase was October 1999, when trustees approved a five-year plan to boost tuition \$1,500. In February 2000, the Board of Governors modified the plan to a two-year \$600 increase.

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LETTER

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to all members of the legislature, criticizing the bill and asking them to reject it.

According to the most recent letter, state leaders and University supporters are concerned about the study's impact.

"We fear that a hurried study of this type could do unintended harm to public higher education in this state," the letter stated.

The chancellors met before Friday's BOG meeting to determine the letter's content. UNC-Charlotte Chancellor Jim Woodward said Monday. Several chancellors later drafted the letter.

The discussion was prompted by a letter N.C. State University Chancellor Marye Anne Fox presented to the other 15 UNC-system chancellors Friday morning outlining her concerns about the study, Woodward said.

Woodward also offered arguments

for why he believes the study is poorly timed, citing recent enrollment increases, pending budget cuts and a large-scale construction program spurred by the recent approval of a \$3.1 billion bond package as more important issues.

"The system right now is very burdened," he said. "This is not the right time, in our opinion, to undertake an extensive review of the governance structure of the University of North Carolina."

Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, said the chancellors and former state leaders are not the only people in the state who dislike the idea of the study.

"It's my understanding that the BOG does not want the study," said Rand, who supports the study.

Rand said he does not understand why it is being opposed. "The only reason you don't want something studied is you're afraid of what it might show."

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Russia and six nations that border Afghanistan pledged "to establish a broad-based Afghan administration on an urgent basis."

Bush had urged the opposition to avoid entering the city until a broad-based government can be organized to replace the Taliban, which has ruled most of Afghanistan since 1996.

However, little progress has been made in bringing together the disparate groups in Afghanistan's fractious, multi-ethnic society.

And the temptation to grab the capital proved too great for the opposition, which in four days has expanded its control from some 10 percent of the country to nearly half.

Since the opposition captured the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif on Friday after intense American bombing, province after province in the north has fallen into alliance hands.

Dramatic turns in the war's balance are a traditional feature in Afghan fighting. Rival armies sometimes battle for months without a change - until one side retreats, often because of a commander switching sides, and a large-scale rout ensues.

Campus Calendar

Today

3 p.m. - Rembrandt, Delacroix and Audubon on campus? Join the **Carolina Union Activities Board Gallery Committee** for a Hidden Art Tour. Meet at the Ackland Art Museum on Columbia Street. Questions? Call 962-1157.

5:30 p.m. - Sandra Mims Rowe, editor of The Oregonian, will deliver the **School of Journalism and Mass Communication** Roy H. Park Distinguished Lecture in 111 Carroll Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

6:30 p.m. - **The Public Policy Majors Union** invites all majors and potential majors to the Post Graduation Plans Program.

Representatives from University Career Services, the business school and more will be in attendance. The event will be held in the library of Old East Residence Hall.

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7 p.m. - **The North Carolina Black Student Alliance** committee of the Black Student Movement is having a forum titled "The Oreo Complex."

The forum will be held in 100 Hamilton Hall.

7 p.m. - **Phi Beta Kappa** will host a symposium called "Science at War: A Discussion on Chemical and Biological Warfare."

The event is open to the public and will be held in Room 039 of the Johnston Center.

7:30 p.m. - **Student government** is sponsoring an Advising Forum with University officials in the Union Auditorium.

Do you have comments on advising? Make your voice heard, and come tell the people who can make change.

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TUITION

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mittee meetings might interfere with final exams or the semester break.

Student leaders have been urging

administrators to make sure students' voices are considered when the proposal is written. "From what I understand, ... an increase would not be prepared until faculty, administrators and students have had a chance to discuss it," said Student Body Vice President Rudy Kleysteuber.

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Reception to follow