# Tenn. Removes Ban on State Lottery U.S., France Cut Deal

### Officials say decision won't influence N.C.

By STEPHANIE POOLE Staff Writer

N.C. legislators say the recent success of Tennessee's lottery referendum will not significantly increase the chances of a lottery bill being passed by the N.C. General Assembly next session. Tennessee residents voted Tuesday to

remove a state constitutional ban and allow lawmakers to create a lottery system.

Tennessee Sen. Steve Cohen, D-Memphis, said his state likely will have a

lottery within a year because it will not take long to create a lottery bill. Cohen said he already is working on a plan for a lottery to present when the Tennessee General

Assembly goes into session in January.

But N.C. legislators say it will be a long time before North Carolinians see a state lottery, adding that it might not

ever happen.

Rep. Bill Owens, D-Pasquotank, who proposed lottery legislation last session, said he plans to propose a lottery bill when the General Assembly convenes in January. The bill would propose an advisory referendum to go before N.C. voters, he said. "We are voting on the right

for people to give us their opinion."

Owens said Tennessee's referendum will have a minor effect in North Carolina. "Now every state around us will have (a state lottery)," he said.

Owens said the bill likely will not

receive a lot of attention from lawmakers in 2003. In September, the N.C. Houses voted down an advisory lottery referendum 69-50.

But he added that support for voter opinion on the topic and for a state lottery is growing and might produce results in coming years.

Rep. Sam Ellis, R-Wake, said a state lottery will no longer be a driving issue in the General Assembly. "The last credible poll I saw - which was before the election

showed declining support for a lottery."
 Ellis said the decisions made in

Tennessee have no relevance to decisions made in North Carolina. "They like Al Gore, and we don't," he said.

Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, also said that the referendum in Tennessee would not likely affect North Carolina, but he said it might encourage strong lottery sup-porters, including Gov. Mike Easley. Ellis said Easley's adamant support of a lottery advisory referendum is mis-

guided because it is not grounded in the state's constitution. "It surely can't be out of ignorance that he says North Carolinians have the right to vote on this issue - our rights are given in the constitution," he said.

Hackney said the unconstitutionality of

the lottery referendum is the main argu-

ment detractors make against the lottery.
But Dianne Berlin, second vice chairnan of the National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling, said the primary anti-lottery argument should be a state's moral responsibility, not its legalities.

"The state or government's role is to protect its citizens," she said. "It should

not be a predator of its own citizens."

NCALG is disappointed about Tennessee's referendum, Berlin said, calling lottery implementation "heinous act."

"We are relieved that North Carolina has not been taken over by the lottery,"

Ellis said that if N.C. voters are given the opportunity to voice their opinions, the result will not favor a lottery, as most polls predict. "There's a disparity between political thought and voter action."

Ellis said people who support a lot-tery typically do not vote, while anti-lottery advocates tend to cast ballots.

But Owens said the idea of a lottery with revenue dedicated to funding education, is looking more and more appealing. He said, "With the budget deficit like we need the money more than ever.

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# On Iraq Resolution

UNITED NATIONS - The United States and France reached agreement Thursday on a new Security Council resolution on Iraq, removing a key hurdle toward passage of the U.S.-drafted plan for tough new weapons inspec-

French diplomats said the compromise was reached through negotiations at the United Nations and in telephone calls between President Bush and French President Jacques Chirac over the last day

According to French diplomats, the United States agreed to change wording in a key provision that would declare Iraq in "material breach" of its U.N. obligations. The change addresses French and Russian concerns that the original wording would have let the United States determine on its own whether Iraq had committed an infraction. Such a determination, France and Russia feared, would have triggered an attack on Saddam Hussein's Iraq.
"The Security Council will now be

the ones to decide whether Iraq is in material breach," said a French diplo-

nat, on condition of anonymity. Russia, like France, also appeared to be softening its position in favor of the American draft.

The latest American text, a product of eight weeks of intense lobbying by the Bush administration, signaled significant progress and included major concessions Security Council members concerned about setting off another war in Iraq.

Bush said he wanted a vote Friday,

although Syria wanted it postponed because of an Arab League meeting this

weekend in Egypt.

The president also spoke by telephone with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday as lobbying intensified a day before Washington planned to push for a vote on the resolution.

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# **Easley Flexes Muscles With Veto Power**

### Minor appointments nixed by governor

By MATT CROOK

Gov. Mike Easley vetoed a minor appointments bill Wednesday, marking the first time since gubernatorial veto power was adopted under former Gov. Jim Hunt in 1997 that it has been used.

Experts say Easley's action has major

implications.

"This is the first time the veto power the reverse governors." has been used since the royal governors, if they even used it," said UNC political

science Professor Thad Beyle.

By using that power, Easley is "saying that he might use the veto in the future,"

Beyle said.
"This could be something that he has done to send to the (N.C.) General Assembly a message that he is going to be tougher to work with."

The bill Easley chose to take a stand on was a minor appointments bill, vetoed because some of the appointees were deceased, others could not be appointed legally and additional appointments had expired.

Beyle said the governor's veto of such a minor bill simply could be a ploy to get the General Assembly back in Raleigh before January.

would have to call a special session before they reconvene next year, an action Beyle said might not sit well with

Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, said the vetoed bill was of little importance and that many legislators would be upset if forced to reconvene.

They would prefer not to come back," he said.

"Most people don't care about the appointment bill."

But Beyle said that despite lawmakers' disinterest, the governor's use of the veto Wednesday could mark the reduction of legislative powers in the

"Legislators might not have as much power as they did before," he said.

Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, said legislators expected a decrease in power when the governor was granted the power to veto.

"Everyone knew there was going to

be diminishing of the powers the time the veto was adopted," he said.
"It was all debated when North

Carolina adopted the veto."

But Rand said he doesn't believe Easley will use the power without rea-

"He'll use it when he thinks an issue is involved that he needs to make a

Now that the fleeds to make a statement on," he said.

Now that the governor has veto power, Hackney said, all returning legislators can do is sit and wait for Easley's next move.

"I wasn't in favor for instituting the veto to start with, but I can only speak for myself," he said.

Rand said that like it or not, legislators expected the veto to be used even

"No one thought he was afraid to use it to begin with."

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### **UNC School of Public Health Receives Grant**

The UNC School of Public Health's Department of Epidemiology received a five-year grant last month from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to establish the ninth national center for birth defects research in the

For the first year, UNC will receive \$850,000 to continue its research on the causes of spina bifida and to begin research on the causes of gastroschisis. Andrew Olshan, professor of epidemi-ology and the principal investigator on the project, said these defects are par-ticularly common in North Carolina.

The school will be working in conjunction with the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services to conduct the research. State researchers will find subjects to test, and University researchers will take over from there, Olshan said.

According to Olshan, researchers from other institutions, including Duke University, also will be involved in the

"We hope that the center will provide for more research in North Carolina in general, not just at UNC," he said.

### Campus Calendar Saturday, Nov. 9

5:30 p.m. – The **Asian Students Association** would like to invite you to attend our annual Journey Into Asia, a celebration of Asian food and culture. Tickets sold in the Pit and at the door of the Great Hall for \$5 (show) and \$10 (dinner and show)

Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., and the

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show starts at 7 p.m. This year's theme

is "Generations."
7 p.m. – The **NAACP** will sponsor
"ILL VIBES 4: Jazz and Poetry night" until 10 p.m. at the multipurpose room in the Union. Everyone is invited. Admission is \$4 in advance and \$6 at the door. Sign up for open mic.

### Sunday, Nov. 10

1 p.m. – Alpha Chi Omega presents "Fall Brawl 3 v. 3 Basketball Tournament" in Fetzer Gym (A&B). Proceeds benefit the Durham Crisis

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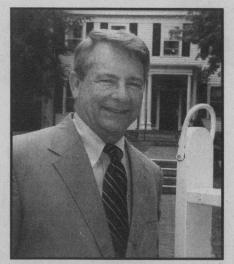
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