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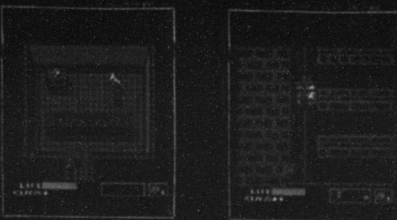
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## DOLE

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"I think it's a very bad step," said Attracta Kelley, an immigration law attorney at the N.C. Justice Center.

"If local law enforcement becomes federal agents, people won't report crimes against them."

Kelley said Dole has not made any positive immigration reform, citing her opposition to the 2006 immigration reform bill that would have established a temporary worker program and a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants already in the United States.

Kelley said Dole needs to work with Democrats more regularly and to try harder to make visas available and family unification possible.

### Supporting the military

In a state with one of the largest military populations in the country, Dole has used her position on the Senate armed services committee to protect military personnel and to ensure the continued operation of N.C. bases.

Carol Hammerstein, spokeswoman for the Center for Responsible Lending, said Dole was active in fighting predatory lenders targeting military families.

"She was really firm on this," Hammerstein said. "She is obviously very concerned about issues with the military."

Dole sponsored a bipartisan amendment, made effective last October, which placed a cap on

the interest rates paid by military personnel.

Burr also praised Dole's efforts on behalf of the military, citing her involvement with the 2005 version of the federal Base Realignment and Closure legislation.

BRAC recommended the closure or realignment of several military bases across the country, including Pope Air Force Base in N.C.

"I think you can look specifically at the BRAC process ... and the fact that North Carolina was one of very few, if not the only, that grew in military presence in our state after BRAC, and that is because of her leadership on the armed services," Burr said.

### Helping state hospitals

On the health care front, Dole has touted her work with the N.C. Hospital Association.

Don Dalton, NCHA spokesman, said that last year Dole helped postpone a change in Medicaid policy that would have eliminated millions of federal dollars for some state hospitals.

"She went above and beyond the call of duty," Dalton said, adding that the senator has addressed everything that NCHA has brought to her attention.

However, some other N.C. groups are critical of Dole's health care record.

"I think her term has been a disaster," said Adam Searing of the N.C. Justice Center, citing an increase in the number of uninsured North Carolinians and a lack of affordable health care. He also

said he was unimpressed by her work with NCHA.

"That's nice, but that doesn't make a thing," he said. "For average North Carolinians it means nothing."

Searing was especially critical of Dole's vote against a bill to expand children's health insurance.

"Much worse than not doing anything, she has actually fought things designed to help," he said. "I'm surprised she hasn't gotten more grief about it."

Searing suggested that Dole take the lead from other Republican senators such as Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who led a bipartisan effort to pass the Children's Health Insurance Program.

### Other achievements

In the agricultural sector, Dole worked toward the tobacco quota buyout, which compensated N.C. tobacco farmers who suffered under the federal quota program.

"It would have been an economic disaster had we not had it," said Blake Brown, a professor of agricultural economics at N.C. State University.

Brown said the reform brought \$3.9 billion to North Carolina, which came from cigarette manufacturers and not taxpayers.

"Sen. Dole's office was very instrumental," he said. "She played a leading role."

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## ELECTIONS

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and they couldn't think of why it was in the Code, except maybe they didn't want students to exhaust themselves," he said, adding that the changes probably would result in fewer violations for candidates who use materials too early.

During elections last year, the elections board dealt with between five and 10 elections violations involving premature use of materials.

"If we can eliminate these careless errors, we can go out and focus on the election," Caprigione said.

Previous candidates have mixed feelings about the possible changes.

"I think (the current system) is kind of like having rules for the sake of having rules," said Kristin Hill, a former student body president candidate. "As it stands now, it is a long and tiring process for candidates."

Logan Liles, who also ran for president this year, said that some of the election rules make sense.

"I think not using materials is a positive because it makes you focus on your message and what you actually want to say," he said.

Liles added, however, that he would like to see better clarification of the difference between public and private campaigning.

And Tenyotkin said this issue has been one of the biggest. He originally included the elimination of the definitions in the bill but took it out for logistical campaigning reasons.

"If it's in a dorm room, you'd think that was private, but if there are more than five people, BOE rules that it's public," he said. "It's an unnecessary complexity."

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