



Staff photo by Joseph Thomas

Liquid libations such as these may be sold over the counter soon in North Carolina.

Friday backs Helms on measure to limit federal 'nitpicking'

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UNC President William Friday recently expressed tentative support for the Academic Freedom Act, a bill introduced in the Senate a few weeks ago by North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms.

The bill is a response to what Helms terms federal "nitpicking" in education on the college level and would limit federal influence over college programs that do not receive federal funding and universities that do not receive more than 5 percent of their funds from federal sources. The bill would require federal agencies to assess the effects and costs of their guidelines that control education on colleges and universities.

Friday said on May 31, referring to Senator Helms "There seems to be a common line that says we are both against the paperwork and delay caused by federal encroachment." Friday said that while he

and Helms have differed on many matters in the past, "we are not very apart in this concern."

Helms told the Senate that some educational institutions spend as much as 50 cents to administer every dollar in federal aid received.

Helms' executive assistant, Carl Anderson, cited the recent federal court decision striking down the University of North Carolina's desegregation plan as an example of the federal intervention the bill seeks to control.

Although the court decision was not the reason for the introduction of the bill, Anderson said that it "prompted the timing of its introduction in the Senate."

Friday did not commit himself to the bill directly, but did express agreement with Helms concerning the principles involved. "The bill is aimed at certain kinds of things that many of us in the academic field have found burdensome and time-consuming."

Legislature is near final vote on controversial booze bill

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The Senate ABC committee approved the 1977 version of liquor-by-the-drink Tuesday morning by a 5-4 vote, sending the proposal to the Senate for consideration.

John Winters, ABC Committee Chairman from Wake County cast the tie-breaking vote that decided whether the bill would die, as previous ones had done, or go before the General Assembly.

The bill, proposed by Senator William G. Smith of New Hanover County would give counties with an ABC system the right for a public vote on liquor-by-the-drink in that area.

Beginning July 1, the vote for mixed drinks could be called for by either a request of the governing body of the city or county with an ABC store or by a petition of 20% of the registered voters.

Of the state's 100 counties, 44 have an ABC system in their area. Another 43 counties have an ABC store in a city in that county. Thirteen other counties, mostly in the western part of the state, have no existing ABC system. These are: Clay, Macon, Graham, Swain, Yancey, Yadkin, Davie, and Bladen.

Under the bill in consideration, these areas could not sell mixed drinks unless they establish an ABC system somewhere in the county.

If approved locally, mixed drink permits, which would be issued by the State ABC Board, could go to two kinds of businesses.

These two businesses are restaurants which are now eligible for brown-bagging, and social establishments which can now store up to a gallon of hard liquor in a private locker with an ABC permit. These establishments are any private social, recreational, patriotic or fraternal club.

However, these businesses must buy the liquor they would serve from the ABC stores in their own county or city.

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