

N.C. Senate to vote on education bill

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North Carolinians may have the chance to vote on a referendum in November which would re-vamp the process of choosing a state superintendent of public instruction.

Two bills, calling for appointment of the superintendent rather than state-wide election, will be brought before the Senate Committee on the Constitution of the N.C. General Assembly in upcoming weeks.

Both bills would give the majority of Board of Education appointments to Gov. Jim Martin.

"The governor's main concern is a direct responsibility in education through a direct line of authority with an appointed superintendent either by the State School Board or the governor himself," said Tim Pittman, press secretary for the governor.

The proposal would ensure that the governor has authority in the future over education plans addressed by his campaign, said Sen. Jim Johnson, R-Cabarrus, co-

sponsor of the bill. "Our reasoning is that if you are going to have a governor who campaigns on education, then it is going to be difficult for him to carry out his plans if he doesn't have direct authority over that area," Johnson said.

One bill addresses legislators' concern with having State Board members who are representative of the voters, said state Sen. Bob Warren, D-Johnston.

In their bill, Warren and Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan have proposed having eight governor-appointed Board members, along with two N.C. House of Representative and two N.C. Senate appointees.

Martin's proposal asks that the Board's composition remain the same, with 11 gubernatorial appointees, the lieutenant governor and state treasurer.

"Some people say they could support the bill if there is some type of representation of the voters' wishes about who would be on the board," Warren said.

In Warren's bill, the lieutenant governor and house speaker would recommend the appointments followed by a vote taken in the General Assembly.

Educators hope an appointed superintendent would create a more efficient educational system in the state.

Such an appointment would closely resemble the local school model which runs effectively throughout the nation, said Dr. Cleveland Hammonds, Durham City School system superintendent.

An appointed superintendent would be in charge of reporting only to the state board allowing for more effective governance, Hammonds said.

Although some argue that the appointment process would not completely "de-politicize" the position, the superintendent would not have to be concerned with reelection, said Dr. Michael Radz, assistant superintendent for instruction of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school system.

"With no reflection on the current state superintendent, the one appointed by the State Board would more likely be an educator instead of a politician," Radz said.

How that superintendent should be appointed is open for question, Radz said.

Hammonds said the state board of education could be a representative body.

"It's not really a fair argument against appointing a state superintendent to say that the State Board can not be representative of the public," he said.

If the proposal were put on the November ballot as a referendum, the position of the appointed superintendent in the government hierarchy would be an issue, said Jane Gregory, public information official for the Department of Public Instruction. Voters would have to decide if the appointed superintendent would have authority over the public instruction controller who is in charge of the Department of Education budget.

Reagan flies to Canada; meets with prime minister

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — President Reagan flew to Ottawa Sunday to meet Prime Minister Brian Mulroney at a summit where the two leaders' political problems provided a backdrop to nagging differences on trade and acid rain pollution.

Both sides said in advance that no agreements or joint statements would be produced during Reagan's 24-hour visit.

U.N. holds Nazi evidence

UNITED NATIONS — Two large safes in a building 16 blocks north of United Nations headquarters hold 8,000 sealed files containing a wealth of detail on Nazi war criminals and their crimes.

The sealed U.N. War Crimes Commission files had been all but forgotten for 40 years. They list the names of 36,000 Nazi war criminals, suspects and witnesses and background on the workings of the Nazi extermination machinery used against the Jews during World War II.

On the open shelves scholars can examine, by appointment, memorabilia documenting his-

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tory of the world body from its beginnings in 1945, including three-quarters of the War Crimes Commission documents.

But the Nazi War Crimes list in the files is closed. Access to the secret files is permitted to U.N. member governments only, who request the names of specific suspects about whom they seek information.

N.Y. bridge collapses

AMSTERDAM, N.Y. — An interstate highway bridge over a rain-swollen creek collapsed Sunday, sending at least three cars and a tractor-trailer plunging about 80 feet into swirling, muddy water.

It was not immediately known how many people might have been killed or hurt when the four-lane span on the New York State Thruway collapsed shortly before 11 a.m., said state police Troop T Commander Edward Vanderwall.

"There is no possibility of rescue," said Vanderwall.

Congressman Price criticizes Reagan's budget weaknesses

By MICHAEL A. JORDAN
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President Reagan has forced the U.S. Congress to take the lead in the budget process because he has not given the leadership that past executives have, 4th District Rep. David Price, D-N.C., told about 10 people at the courthouse in Chapel Hill Friday morning.

"This is a new role for the Congress in the sense that, in the past, we have been able to rely on executive leadership," he said.

Price's Legislative Director, Gene Conti, gave an overview of U.S. budget tendencies of the past few decades, focusing on what Price called the central dilemma facing

Congress — the spiraling budget deficits of the past few years.

Both the president and the Budget Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives have proposed budgets, Price said.

Although the president's proposal gives a higher percentage of the federal budget to the social security program than it received when he took office, Conti said more people are involved in the system now.

The president's proposal also includes tax increases in the form of higher medicare fees and a deletion of state gas tax allowances, Conti said.

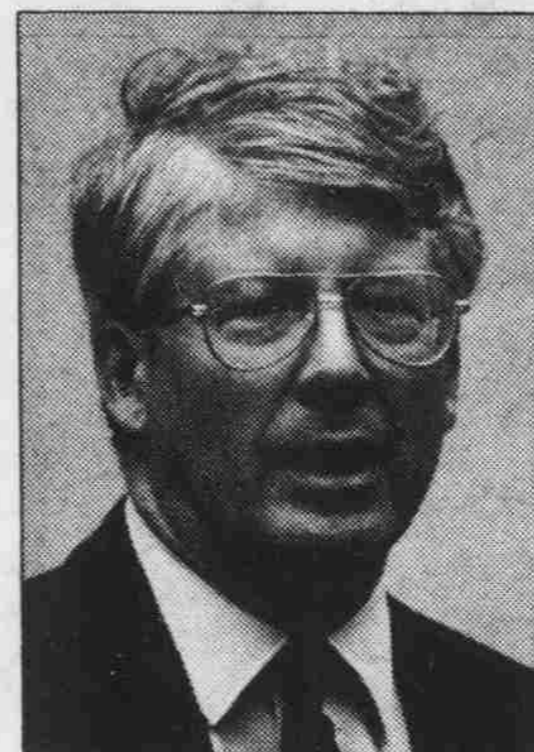
Conti said the president's budget is based on a continuously strong

economy, whereas the House version is based on more realistic figures. Reagan's proposal assumes the United States will have \$22.4 billion in revenues during the upcoming year, while the House version assumes revenues of only \$21 billion, Conti said.

Price said he is opposed to the sale of assets advocated in the president's budget.

"You're talking about short-term gains and revenue losses for future years," he said.

Price said the House budget does not propose any major cuts in federal programs, unlike the president's proposed cuts in education and agriculture.



David Price

Price addressed several other issues, including the trade bill which Congress will consider next month.

Price said he was pleased the highway bill passed despite Reagan's veto.

"I think it's a good bill. It's not ideal for North Carolina, but it's a good bill," he said.

He said the bill should not have been treated as a political issue.

"You have to ask yourself what that veto was about," he said. "Apparently, from the messages coming from the White House, it was a test of the president's potency. And that is the wrong reason to veto a bill, and this was the wrong bill to veto."

Price said it was unlikely that a post-veto bill would have benefitted North Carolina.

N.C. poll determines anti-contra feeling

By MEG CRADDOCK
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Most people in North Carolina oppose sending military supplies and weapons to contra forces in Nicaragua, according to the Spring 1987 Carolina Poll conducted by the School of Journalism and the Institute for Research in Social Science.

Of those responding to the poll, 61 percent were not in favor of sending military aid to the contras, 25 percent were in favor of sending aid, and 13 percent had no opinion, said Diana McDuffie, director of the data library at the institute.

The results of the telephone poll are slightly lower than a national poll conducted by CBS and the New York Times in 1985, said McDuffie. In that poll, 66 percent of those responding were not in favor of aiding the contras.

The similarity of North Carolina's results to those in the national poll shows how unpopular the policy of aiding the contras has become, McDuffie said.

"North Carolina is a conservative

state, and the policy should have more support here," McDuffie said. "I think the poll indicates [that] opposition to the policy is growing."

The poll was a random telephone survey conducted March 1 to March 5, McDuffie said. Random digit dialing was used to ensure all areas of the state had an equal chance of being polled.

Although North Carolina's two senators may use opinion polls on occasion, neither is overly influenced by them.

Republican Sen. Jesse Helms votes according to his own opinion and ideology, said Barbara Lukans, press secretary to Sen. Helms.

"This particular poll would not influence him," Lukans said. "The voters knew his ideology when they elected him, and that's the most important opinion poll."

Democratic Sen. Terry Sanford is not influenced by polls exclusively, said Tom Lawton, Sen. Sanford's press secretary. "He doesn't believe in government by polls."

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