

GOPs gaining state support, report says

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As Republican and Democratic policies diverge, Republican support in North Carolina is growing, said a report released by the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research Tuesday in Raleigh.

"Republicans are winning more statewide races and making inroads at the local level," said Ran Koble, executive director of the center.

But Republicans are not winning local elections because they have a difficult time fielding candidates, said Merle Black, UNC professor of political science.

"The trend (to vote Republican)

has not started to trickle down from the state level to the local races, but it will," said Tim Minton, spokesman for the N.C. Republican Party.

The report studied policy differences between Republican and Democratic governors in four areas: welfare employment programs, state-funded abortions, state park funding and state road construction, Koble said.

The report studied N.C. governors in office with Democratic General Assemblies.

During former Democratic Gov. Jim Hunt's eight-year term, eight counties instituted welfare employment programs, while Gov. Jim Martin's administration added 20

more counties. This fiscal year, 15 counties plan to begin programs.

The policy differences reflect differences in party philosophies, Koble said.

"Republicans tend to fund fewer state-paid abortions," Koble said.

Hunt averaged \$5,371 each year for state abortion funding, while the average is \$3,662 under Martin's administration.

Budget allocation for state parks rose sharply under Martin, increasing \$7.4 million over Hunt's average of \$3.2 million.

The 1973 creation of the bipartisan N.C. Board of Transportation reduced policy differences on high-

way construction, Koble said.

"There appeared to be less manipulation of road budgets since 1973," Koble said.

Governors follow the board's five-year plan but may make certain projects a higher priority, Koble said.

Hunt extended U.S. Highway 264 to Wilson, his hometown, and former Republican governor and Boone native Jim Holshouser pushed forward U.S. Highway 321 near Boone, Koble said.

The differences between the parties creates competition and makes the government more responsive, said Tim Pittman, Martin's press secretary.

Cuban inmates vote to accept agreement with government

From Associated Press reports

ATLANTA — Cuban inmates holding 89 hostages at the U.S. Penitentiary voted Thursday to accept an agreement with the federal government that could free the captives and end the 11-day siege, a federal official said.

U.S. Justice Department spokesman Patrick Korten said the agreement was approved by a majority of the inmates and that officials were waiting for word on when the pact could be signed.

The two-page proposal was put before all 1,105 inmates for a vote after it was initiated by detainees' representatives in a meeting with federal negotiators, Korten said.

It has already been approved by U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese.

The standoff began Nov. 23 following announcement of an agreement to deport to Cuba some of those imprisoned after arriving in the Mariel boatlift in 1980.

Budget battle continues

WASHINGTON — The House moved toward approval Thursday of a massive \$587 billion spending bill that would push Congress to meet its deficit reduction goals but also risk a presidential veto because of a rash of attached controversies.

"This is the first step that I believe must be taken... to move against the deficit and begin a coordinated effort by the two political parties," said House Majority Leader Thomas Foley, D-Wash.

But House Republican leader Bob Michel, R-Ill., said beneath the rhetoric was a package laden with special-interest spending, a bloated monster created by Democrats acting "as a legislative Dr. Frankenstein."

News in Brief

Violence at Olympics feared

SEOUL, South Korea — The suspected bombing of a South Korean airliner has stirred new fears that communist North Korea may attempt to sabotage the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

South Korean leaders have charged that their archrival was behind the disappearance of the Korean Air plane and have threatened to end all talks with the North on ensuring the success of the Seoul games.

Officials in Seoul say the disappearance of the KAL Boeing 707 somewhere near Burma on Nov. 29 had all the hallmarks of a North Korean attack.

Haitian aid canceled

WASHINGTON — The House voted without dissent Thursday to cut off all U.S. aid to the government of Haiti until a civilian electoral commission is reinstated.

While the move means revoking badly needed economic aid to Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, the measure's sponsor, Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn., said that it was the only way to express U.S. outrage over the violence that canceled Sunday's elections.

Oberstar's legislation, attached to a massive catch-all spending bill, also contained non-binding language calling on the State Department to suspend Haiti's eligibility for trade benefits under the Caribbean Basin Initiative and to seek an international arms embargo and other economic sanctions.

Counties may face limitations on water use

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Orange County water suppliers may face restrictions on the amount of water they withdraw from the Eno River, but a capacity use designation would have no great effect on Orange Water and Sewer Authority services, said Brad Torgan, Orange County comprehensive planner.

The N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development is considering the restrictions because the Eno River is overtaxed in times of drought.

"With the new reservoir at Cane Creek and with the connection that OWASA has to Durham for most of our water supply, OWASA may find itself having to give water to other counties in the future," Torgan said.

If a capacity use area is designated, the Environmental Management Commission will regulate water use out of the Eno River, said David Crawford, head of hydrology and management for the N.C. Department of Natural Resources.

The area will include 150 square

miles surrounding the upper end of the Eno River Basin. Permits would also be required for withdrawing more than 100,000 gallons of water a day for any purpose, Crawford said.

The purpose of the restrictions would be to allot equal shares of water to each county, said David Crawford. "We also need water left in the river to take care of waste in the river to dilute it, as well as take care of the aquatic life."

OWASA could also use Jordan Lake as a reservoir in the future, Torgan said. Other counties want to

take water from the lake, but the Environmental Management Commission must set guidelines before it can be used as a water source, Torgan said. The quality of Jordan Lake's water must also be established.

Torgan said OWASA would not take water from the Eno River unless it has a great need. "There's an interlocal agreement between Hillsborough and OWASA which allows OWASA to withdraw water from the Eno through the town of Hillsborough under certain conditions," he said.

Crawford said Orange County has always had a water problem.

"The Orange County commissioner asked us to investigate the problems of shortage of water long before the drought in the summer of 1986," he said.

About 2.5 million gallons of water are taken from the Eno River each day, Crawford said. The river's capacity is 2.6 million gallons a day.

"Any more growth and we'll have no water left," Crawford said. "We don't need a drought to have a need to ration water. With development, we're going to have to do it anyway."

A public hearing to adopt a capacity use law will be held on Jan. 7.

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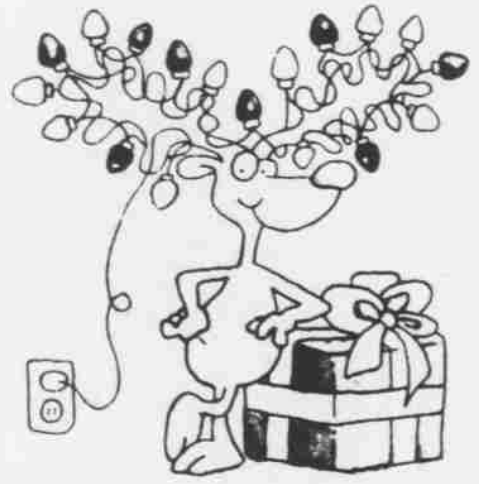
For the Record

In the Nov. 24 article, "Student denounces Mozambique rebels," Kenneth Fassie was wrongly identified as the author of the letter. UNC student Sonya Tjepkema composed the letter as part of an Action Against Apartheid campaign against U.S.

support for the Mozambique National Resistance. Fassie was one of more than 40 people who sent Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C. a copy of the letter. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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