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Lee works to make bill acceptable

By Julie Nations
Staff Writer

Although North Carolina would not feel its effects until the year 2000, N.C. Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, said he was working to make his omnibus constitutional amendment more palatable to state lawmakers in preparation for presentation to the General Assembly in mid-January.

One of Lee's key proposals would combine the powers of lieutenant governor and secretary of state, thereby eliminating the position of lieutenant governor.

"The one piece that seems to be causing the most uncomfortableness right now has to be what I've finally proposed with regards to the lieutenant governor's position," Lee said. "There are a number of people who have a lot of questions about whether or not it would be wise to eliminate the position as opposed to redefining the position."

Lee said he was open to other suggestions, such as transferring the position

completely out of the Senate and into the executive branch.

Lee said that if a revamped version of his bill passed instead of his initial plan, it would go into effect in 1996. "These are the bill's options that are very much alive," he said.

N.C. Sen. W.D. Goldston, D-Rockingham, said he thought the chances of the bill passing were "very slim." Goldston said he did not agree with Lee's plan regarding the succession of the governor. "That would make the secretary of state the second most powerful person in the state," he said.

Lee's proposed bill also would give the governor veto power. "My bill right now calls for a majority to override the veto, not a conservative majority but a simple majority," Lee said. "It is pos-



Howard Lee

sible (that the bill could change); however, once that we start debating in the legislature the bill could be amended to provide line-item (veto)."

Lee said his proposal would limit state senators and representatives to three consecutive terms. His bill also would extend the present two-year term to four years. Lee's bill allows for appointed legislators to finish out a term and then run for three more terms.

A similar proposal placed on a referendum about 10 years ago failed, he said. "What I'm hoping will make my proposal attractive is that I'm proposing a limitation on the number of consecutive terms a person can serve."

N.C. Rep. Joanne Bowie, R-Guilford, said she thought Lee would encounter opposition concerning the veto item of his bill. "This General Assembly at this point and time is the strongest in the country," she said. "We are the only state without the governor's veto power."

Bowie said she did not agree with the part of the bill that calls for limiting

legislators' terms. "I think I'm up for term limits every two years," she said. "If my constituency doesn't like me, I'm out."

Bowie added that she was in favor of extending legislators' terms to four years. "Some people are continually campaigning, which costs the state a tremendous amount of money," she said.

The bill also contains a proposal for the governor and lieutenant governor to run as a partisan team. Lee said there had been several instances when the governor was a Republican and the lieutenant governor was a Democrat.

"It's created a strained relationship with basically no communication," he said. "It makes for a better potential relationship between the two people who are the chief representatives of the executive branch of government."

Although his bill has received an onslaught of publicity, Lee said he was not trying yet to garner support for the proposals. "What I'm planning to do once that I get it into the shape I feel comfortable with is get in touch with a

number of scholars and learned people in politics and the law," he said. "I want them to tell me some of the flaws or the pros and cons of the bill."

Lee also said that the Senate Caucus was meeting this weekend and that he planned to talk to his colleagues to find out which parts of the bill concerned them most. "As of right now, all of these proposals are in the same bill, but by the time I get around to presenting the bill, I may have spun out some of these items," he said.

N.C. Sen. Henson Barnes, D-Wayne, president pro tempore of the N.C. Senate, said Lee's bill would require a change in the state constitution. "They would have to get 60 percent of each body to pass it, then submit it to the people to pass by popular vote."

Barnes said he did not think the legislature would pass a proposal calling for a change in the state constitution. "I think you're pumping a dry well when you talk about transferring power because there is no power there to transfer."



PlayMakers sponsors gift and toy drive

PlayMakers Repertory Company is sponsoring its sixth annual toy and gift drive, collecting and distributing toys to children throughout the area.

The drive, which began Wednesday and runs through Dec. 20 in conjunction with the PlayMakers production of "The Nutcracker: A Play," also is sponsored by WUNC-FM and The Siena Hotel.

Residents should bring toys and gifts to the Paul Green Theatre lobby through Dec. 20 during box office hours, which are 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, and during additional box office hours before performances of "The Nutcracker," which are until 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays and 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays.

Gifts also may be taken to The Siena Hotel, located at 1505 E. Franklin St. Gifts should be new, not used, and should be giftwrapped. Donors should label gifts with a description of the gift, including size of clothing, and the age and sex for which the gift is intended.

Donors also may indicate whether they would like the gift to be delivered to a children's home, hospital or Christmas House.

The gifts and toys will be delivered to the Central Children's Home of North Carolina and Oxford Orphanage, both of which are located in Oxford. They also will be distributed at UNC Hospitals and through the Chapel Hill Service League's Christmas House program.

For more information about the gift and toy drive, call Gay Gambrell, PlayMakers development officer, at 962-2485.

Council to discuss North Forest Hills Park plan

The Chapel Hill Town Council will continue the public hearing and consider alternate resolutions for the request for a special-use permit for North Forest Hills Park.

Residents surrounding the proposed 9.5 acre park debated the construction plans of the park at a public hearing Nov. 16. They said they were worried that a large public park would increase traffic, cause security problems and decrease the value of properties surrounding the park.

The council is scheduled to vote tonight on whether to grant the special-use permit to build the park, which would be located immediately south of Orange Water and Sewer Authority's Nunn Mountain water tower property.

Women's center offers breast cancer clinic

The Orange County Women's Center will sponsor a workshop Thursday titled "Learn the Signs of Breast Cancer."

The workshop, which will be led by Marcia Friedman of the American Cancer Society, will use synthetic models and video presentations to teach women how to conduct a breast self-exam.

The workshop will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the center, located at 210 Henderson St. in Chapel Hill. The workshop is free, but preregistration is required because of space constraints.

For more information or to preregister for the workshop, call Dawn Williams at 968-4610.

Local resident elected to state autism board

A Chapel Hill resident was elected to the board of directors for the Autism Society of North Carolina last month.

Alice Wertheimer, who is the parent of an autistic child, will serve a two-year term as a parent representative on the board.

Wertheimer also serves as president of the Chapel Hill local unit of the Autism Society of North Carolina and is a member of the Chapel Hill-Carboro Schools Advisory Board for After School Services for Special Needs Children.

The board of directors election was held during the Autism Society's 15th Annual Conference on Autism.

The Autism Society of North Carolina is a United Way agency and receives funding from local United Way offices, the state legislature, foundation grants, private contributions and memberships.



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Warming light

Shanika Paylor smiles with holiday spirit next to Triangle Hospice's Light-a-Life Memorial Tree, which she lit during a Sunday ceremony at University United Methodist Church.

Vandalism worries Craige parkers

By Holly Stepp
Staff Writer

An outbreak of car vandalism cases in the Craige Parking Deck on Nov. 23 has prompted concern from car owners and University police officials about security in the two-year-old parking garage.

Five cars were vandalized on the second level of the Craige Parking Deck Nov. 23. Windows were damaged in all of the cars, and two flashlights were stolen from one vehicle.

Karen Conrad, a residence assistant in Craige Residence Hall, said her 1992

Mazda Protege was damaged in the Craige Parking Deck early that morning. The left back vent was broken, the glove compartment was opened and the contents were searched, she said.

Conrad said her car was scratched. Police estimated the damage at about \$100.

When Conrad took her car to Rice's Glass Co. in Carrboro to be repaired, she learned that several vandalism cases had occurred in the Craige deck.

"When I took my car to be repaired, one of the employees told me that they have had several people come by to have their cars repaired, which had been

damaged in the Craige Parking Deck," she said.

Chuck Solomon, a student in the School of Social Work and a Craige resident, said his Suzuki Samurai had been broken into and two flashlights had been stolen.

Conrad said she believed the two flashlights were used to break into the other cars. All of the cars were broken into through the left back vent window, she said.

Martin Cox, the security guard who was patrolling the deck when the van-

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Council to hear appeal of cab driver convicted of DWI

By Matthew Henry
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The Chapel Hill Town Council will hear the appeal tonight of a cab driver whose permit to drive a taxi was revoked after a drunk-driving conviction.

The council will hear the case of Lacy Eugene Reaves, a driver for Airport and Intown Taxi who has requested that the town give him back his permit, at its meeting at 7:30 p.m. today at Chapel Hill Town Hall.

For Reaves to get his permit back, the council would have to amend the town code, which stipulates that a cab driver must have his permit revoked for three years following a drunk-driving conviction.

Reaves, who lives at 2511 Neville

Road in Chapel Hill, was arrested and charged with driving while impaired Aug. 2.

Reaves, who was off-duty at the time of his arrest, had a .19 blood alcohol level, almost twice the legal limit.

Reaves was convicted of driving while impaired Aug. 26 and given limited driving privileges. Judge Patricia Love determined Reaves could drive only for work, household maintenance, community service, and substance-abuse treatment.

Reaves said he knew he had made a mistake but maintained he had never driven under the influence while driving his cab.

"I made a mistake. I gotta pay for it," Reaves said. "I've never had any problems with drinking before in 30 years of

taxi driving. I've never drunk on duty — it's against policy."

Reaves said he would fight as long as it took to get his permit back. "I have a lot of responsibilities. I need to work," he said.

Prior to his court date, Reaves voluntarily completed a substance-abuse outpatient treatment program at Chemical Abuse Recovery Enterprises, according to a letter to the council from Reaves' attorney, James Stanford. Reaves also has attended Alcoholics Anonymous meetings voluntarily, Stanford's letter stated.

"If the town manager's revocation and order is allowed to stand or is not modified, Lacy Reaves will be deprived

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Lack of national obscenity law may lead to problems

By Katy Wurth
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Due to the lack of a national standard governing obscenity laws, Phil Harvey, the owner of PHE Inc., could be indicted in several states for violating local obscenity laws.

Obscenity law became an issue when PHE Inc., which operates Adam & Eve, a local erotic mail-order business, was raided last Tuesday by federal postal inspectors.

Alabama postal officials ordered the raid last Tuesday on the grounds that PHE Inc., located west of Carrboro on N.C. 54, violated the federal law under Chapter 71, Section 1461, which prohibits obscenities in the mail.

Local attorney Alan McSurley said obscenity never had been defined clearly by the Supreme Court.

"The Supreme Court refused to set a national standard regarding obscenity," McSurley said.

McSurley said a judge trying an obscenity case would ask the jury to use what they thought were the values or standards of their community to decide whether something was obscene.

University journalism Professor Chuck Stone said Sunday that the current laws regarding obscenity were established in the Supreme Court case Roth v. United States in 1957. In this case, the court defined obscenity as anything that offended the moral standards of a community.

"The way obscenity operates now is

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that it is determined by local community standards," Stone said. "If enough people from a community claim to be offended by something, then the district attorney can prosecute."

Stone said the only national standards regarding obscenity were established in 1973 by the Supreme Court case Miller v. California. In this case, the court ruled that if certain materials had literary, artistic, political or scientific appeal, they could not be prosecuted as obscene.

Carrboro mayor Eleanor Kinnaird said Harvey would be much less likely to be prosecuted in Chapel Hill or Carrboro than in Alabama.

Margaret Blanchard, also a professor of journalism, said the problem with the obscenity law was that communities had different standards depending on the values of each community.

"Phil Harvey could be brought to trial in so many areas that he could go

broke defending himself," Blanchard said.

Harvey's company has already been raided by state officials from Utah, Kentucky and North Carolina.

"It's definitely unfair to have so many standards," Blanchard said. "I think that eventually this multiple prosecution thing could go to the Supreme Court."

Stone also predicted that Harvey's case would eventually get to the Supreme Court. But McSurley and Kinnaird said they did not think the Supreme Court would hear the case.

McSurley said, "The Supreme Court doesn't want to get involved in this. That's why the obscenity laws are so ambiguous now."

"People who are worried about obscenity should not look to the state to control it," McSurley added. "Censorship is a violation of first amendment rights."

Stone, Blanchard and Kinnaird agreed that Harvey was being prosecuted unfairly and that the federal officials were conspiring to run him out of business.

UNC senior wishes she was the Maid of Cotton

By Ivan Arrington
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Don't tell UNC senior Mollie Butler she's all fluff.

If everything goes smoothly this month for Butler, she will be crowned the 1993 Maid of Cotton in Dallas Jan. 1.

Butler, a resident of Elizabethtown, was selected as one of 20 finalists earlier this fall from a pool of applicants from the 10-state Cotton Belt.

Butler, president of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, said she was looking forward to the competition and was thankful for the chance to represent her state.

"It's very exciting," she said. "It's an honor to be selected to represent North Carolina."

To become a finalist, Butler had to go through an application process that consisted of submitting pictures and essays. The contest regulations mandate that four of the 20 finalists come from Texas, Oklahoma and Arizona, so Butler had to vie for one of 16 remaining slots.

In late December, Butler will participate in a series of interviews, luncheons and community events where five judges will evaluate her on poise, personality, appearance and communication skills.

"They're looking for someone who can communicate with textile workers, textile managers or even the president," Butler said.

Butler said the preparation for the contest, while intimidating, has been eased by a \$200 donation from the N.C. Cotton Council.

"It's very overwhelming," she said. "Right now I'm trying to find my wardrobe, and finding cotton winter clothes and a cotton formal is a challenge in itself. I'm very thankful for the (Cotton Council's) help."

Butler said she first became inter-

ested in the contest three years ago when her father, who works in the textile industry, met the 1990 Maid of Cotton and told his daughter about the contest.

"I went to Dallas last year, and it was a wonderful experience," she said. "It wasn't like (the contestants) were competing against each other — it wasn't a back-stabbing kind of thing."

If selected, Butler will receive a \$10,000 scholarship and become a goodwill ambassador for the U.S. cotton industry. After being crowned at the New Year's Day Cotton Bowl in Dallas and participating in the Cotton Bowl parade, the winner will begin training and fitting for a six-month tour of the United States and East Asia.

"It's very intense traveling," she said. "A manager accompanies you, and you don't know where you're going until they tell you."

The winner will represent the cotton industry while meeting with workers and textile personnel in Asia and throughout the United States, promoting cotton products and goods manufactured in the United States. Butler has worked in the cotton industry for two years.

"You're gone for several weeks at a time, and you go back to Memphis (the home of the National Cotton Council of America)," she said.

Butler, who will graduate early from UNC, said she would have the necessary time for touring before starting medical school in the fall.

"It would be perfect," she said. "The

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