

Republican members of the Gen-eral Assembly to Governor San-ford's Budget Message is that it is inadequate with reference to

After a Democratic campaign based on a "New Day in North Carolina", especially education, it is distressing to note the relatively small raise in pay for teachers, and the neglect of any clerical assistance for teachers and school principals. From the budget mes sage no relief is in sight for the excessive assignment loads under which North Carolina school teachers attempt to educate an excessive number of students.

We note that while the proposed budget provided funds for mentally-retarded schools it failed to provide for state-paid transportation to and from these schools. Retarded children probably most need the entire State. such transportation.

At this point it appears that the Republican members of the General Assembly will give the Gov-ernor a lot more cooperation in forwarding his educational pro-gram than will many of their Democratic colleagues.

In disposing of the first order of business in the 1961 General As-sembly, the 15 Republicans in the House of Representatives extended an offering of cooperation to the majority party, Representative T.

E. Story of Wilkes County, on be half of the entire Republican Dele-gation, seconded the nomination of Joseph M. Hunt as Speaker of the

On the eve of the convening of the Legislature, William L. Osteen of Guilford County was named Minority Leader, Dan R. Simpson of Burke was elected Secretary and B. C. Brock of Davie was elected Minority Leader of the Senate.

A distinct responsibility has descended upon the 17 House and mate members for it is believed that as a unit they will hold the balance of power on many critical bills. Realizing that these 17 votes represent the 614,000 votes cast for the Republican gubernatorial can-didate in the general election, these 15 men and two women have set about the task of sponsoring and backing progressive legislation for

nillion of this is not even subject to a vote of the people.

The millions upon millions of dollars budgeted for such things as State Archives and Library Building, State Ports improve ments, and Historic Sites renova ments, and Historic Sites renova-tions may be desirable, but there is a limit to what can be done and the Republican members feel that school construction is the first or-der of business for this General

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