



MASON ANDERSON (right), a local lawyer and developer, presses a point with Rep. David Redwine following a legislative update for South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce members last Thursday night.

Redwine, Hill Field Questions, Review Bills At South Brunswick Chamber Of Commerce Update

BY SUSAN USHER
Several audience members urged State Reps. David Redwine and Dewey Hill to look into concerns regarding "dual permitting" Thursday night as the two fielded questions at a legislative update for South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce members at Sea Trail Plantation.

Redwine and Hill both represent the 14th District, which includes most of Brunswick County. R.C. Soles Jr., Senate deputy president pro tempore and 18th District senator, had a prior engagement in Bladen County.

Several speakers urged the legislators to look into "dual permitting," or having to obtain state Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) and federal Army Corps of Engineers permits before developing on the beach, with the chance of having one approved and not the other, and the state's increasing role in regulation of wetlands.

"I don't know whether you're aware of it or not, but you've got staff members writing the rules," developer Ed Gore told the legislators.

When Redwine pointed out the legislature provides an appeals procedure for such decisions, Gore said that places "too great a burden" on the applicant.

The 400 recommendations from the Government Performance Audit Committee or GPAC for reducing the size and cost of state government are the "hottest" issue among legislators, Redwine told the group. If all recommendations were followed, it would result in savings of \$275 million. He expects the legislature to adopt some, but not all of them. Gov. Jim Hunt has proposed a \$100 million spending package that would be funded by such savings.

"These impact state employees and a number of other things relating to state government. You as constituents like to have it both ways sometimes. You say 'cut the fat, but don't pick on me,'" said Redwine. "We're struggling with that."

As one example, Redwine said the state revenue office in Shallotte was included in the recommendation to close all state revenue offices within 45 miles of another and with revenues under \$300,000.

"I'm happy to report I fixed it. It was targeted incorrectly," he said. Also, Redwine outlined differences in two health care reform bills before the General Assembly and noted that clean water bond bills before House and Senate all for a referendum to issue general obligation bonds to be used as loans and grants to local governments for both water and sewer system improvements. The emphasis would be on cost-efficient regional systems, he said, managed by local government entities.

Redwine's lottery referendum bill, one of about four circulating through the General Assembly, would allocate a portion of its revenues for the state's "rainy day fund" and would set aside another portion for local water and sewer projects. While attorney and developer Mason Anderson spoke against the lottery, saying it takes advantage of low-income people, Al Laughinghouse, a banking executive and chamber president, said he thought calling for a referendum was the appropriate approach.

Redwine said he thinks a lottery referendum bill has a "decent" chance of passing this term, but that he has been getting letters against it. "I think it is paternalistic to decide for someone else how to spend their discretionary income," said

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A family leave bill similar to that passed by Congress had been referred to the Business and Labor Committee chaired by Redwine. Also, he pointed out several education reform-related bills and urged the chamber to get involved in developing a grant proposal for a multi-agency pilot project to address the needs of children and their fami-

lies. He said an area group should have a good chance of getting funded if it applies.

Michael Chandler, a local accountant, urged Redwine and Hill to support a bill that would provide for limited liability corporations similar to those now allowed in neighboring states.

On a lighter note, Redwine said Rep. Hill is no longer a "rookie" in the House, having gotten the first bill passed during this session. The hurried-up bill, dealing with appointments to the Whiteville Board of Education, was handled before committees were even appointed.

Hill said he had also discovered lobbyists. "You can't hardly walk out your door without somebody handing you a piece of candy or a pat on the back. Somebody even gave me a flower."

The first-term legislator from Lake Waccamaw is serving on the finance, agriculture, public utilities, rules, calendar and operations committees, and the labor relations subcommittee of the Business and Labor Committee.

Private Eye Accidentally Shoots Himself In The Leg

CRIME REPORT

A Fayetteville private detective accidentally shot himself in the leg outside a Southport convenience store early Monday morning according to a report on file at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department Monday.

Deputy Johnny Earp's report said the man told him he was sitting in his car in the parking lot of a store on N.C. 133 at about 1:30 a.m.

"He advised he was moving his gun when it discharged, hitting him in the right leg," Earp reported. "He then drove himself and the witness to Doshier Hospital, where he was treated for his injuries."

A 22-year-old Southport woman was listed as the witness. Earp said the victim "refused to sign the report and was uncooperative."

The report said there was evidence of alcohol use in the incident.

In other crime reports on file at the sheriff's office Monday:

■A color television and a microwave oven were stolen recently from a vacation home in the Forest Hill subdivision, Supply. The owner, a Hickory man, told Deputy Marshall Evans Jr. that someone went onto his back deck, pulled the screen off the kitchen window and broke it to get inside. The thief or thieves apparently left through a sliding glass door. Evans estimated the value of stolen items at \$450.

■A padlocked front door failed to stop the thief or thieves who stole a Mo-ped, a 12-speed bicycle and a helmet from a mobile home in Leland Saturday night. Evans' report said the man told him he left home at about 10 p.m. Saturday and came back about four hours later to find the front door standing open. The hasp and padlock he had installed to secure the home had been pried off the wall. Evans estimated the value of stolen property at \$945.

■Someone stole a riding lawn mower valued at \$1,000 from a home on U.S. 74/76 in Delco recently. The owner told Deputy Keithan Home that the mower was at the home when he left Feb. 13. The man returned Saturday to find that his storage shed had been broken into and the mower removed.

■A metal catch-trap owned by Brunswick County Animal Control was reported stolen from the home of a woman who lives on Boones-

neck Road, Supply, last Wednesday. The homeowner told Deputy Cathy Hamilton that she had borrowed the trap to capture a stray cat. When she went outside to check the trap Thursday morning, it was gone. It was valued at about \$60.

■Someone threw beer bottles at a window of a home on Robert Ruark Drive, Southport, causing about \$150 damage Sunday night, Earp reported. The owner said he found broken bottles on the front porch, in his yard and along the road. He also said he found about \$150 damage to his mailbox.

■Deputy Matthew Jesson investigated a report that someone threw an egg at a car as it travelled down Village Road near the Leland Mobile Home Park Saturday night. There

was an undetermined amount of damage to the paint on the victim's 1989 Pontiac.

■A North Carolina license tag with the number DXT-88 was reported stolen from a car owned by a resident of the Cloverleaf mobile home park, Leland, Wednesday night. The owner did not know where the vehicle was at the time the tag was removed.

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