

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of SBCC
Presidents
NCCC System Office Employees

FROM: H. Martin Lancaster

After a 13-hour, continuous committee mark-up session and a 10- hour, continuous floor debate, the House passed its version of the state budget on July 22. Members of the house considered 36 amendments. The final version called for \$12.3 billion compared to the Senate's \$12.5 billion with major substantive differences in the two measures. The House bill includes approximately \$200 million in tax cuts. The Senate bill calls for full funding of Smart Start at \$57 million.

The Community College House expansion budget proposes \$32.2 million as compared with the Senate's \$44.8 million. Recurring funds in the House measure total \$11.8, with a non-recurring level of \$20.5 million:

Enrollment	\$2 mil.(R)
Technology	\$10 mil.(R)
Equipment and books	\$9 mil.(NR)
Equipment reserve	\$8 mil.(NR)
N.C. Center for Applied Textile Technology	\$100,000(R)
Public radio station funds	\$10,000(R)
Prison Program Start-up Funds - Mayland and Pamlico	\$500,000(NR)
Union County Community College start-up/operating funds	\$3 mil.(NR)(requested by Rep. Shubert)

Conference committee appointments were made this week to settle the disparities between the two versions of S.1366 - Appropriations Act of 1998 (House Committee Substitute). House and Senate conferees are scheduled to meet together Monday, August 3. Conferees are as follows:

BUDGET CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

House

Holmes, R-Yadkin; Esposito, R-Forsyth; Creech, R-Johnston; Crawford, D-Granville; Arnold, R-Nash; Baker, R-Stokes; Bowie, R-Guilford; Brawley, R-Iredell; Cansler, R-Buncombe; Carpenter, R-Macon; Church, D-Burke; Clary, R-Cleveland; Daughtry,

R-Johnston; Dickson, R-Gaston; Dockham, R-Davidson; Gardner, R-Rowan; Gray, R-Forsyth; Hill, D-Columbus; Howard, R-Davie; Hunter, D-Northampton; Ives, R-Transylvania; Justus, R-Henderson; Kiser, R-Lincoln; McCombs, R-Rowan; McMahan, R-Mecklenburg; Mitchell, R-Iredell; Morgan, R-Moore; Oldham, D-Forsyth; Preston, R-Carteret; Russell, R-Wayne; Sherrill, R-Buncombe; Thompson, R-Mitchell; Wilson, R-Mecklenburg; Wilson, R-Watauga

Senate

Plyler, D-Union; Perdue, D-Craven; Odom, D-Mecklenburg; Lee, D-Orange; Winner, D-Mecklenburg; Warren, D-Pitt; Jordan, D-New Hanover; Martin, D-Pitt; Martin, D-Guilford; Gulley, D-Durham; Ballance, D-Warren; Rand, D-Cumberland; Cooper, D-Nash; Hoyle, D-Gaston; Kerr, D-Wayne; Albertson, D-Duplin; Lucas, D-Durham; Jenkins, D-Macon; Phillips, D-Davidson; Weinstein, D-Robeson; Dalton, D-Rutherford; Reeves, D-Wake; Wellons, D-Franklin

Of interest to community colleges was Amendment 35 (Hightower, D-33) to move the \$3 million recommended by the House Education Appropriations Subcommittee for the creation of a community college in Union County to the equipment reserve. The State Board has twice voted to oppose any proposal establishing a Union County Community College, noting the cost effectiveness of the multi-campus expansion currently authorized.

The amendment failed by four votes, leaving the language creating a new college in the final House appropriations budget bill. We continue to communicate the State Boards's position.

Summary of legislative items of interest to community colleges

Senator Basnight announced this week that all committees must finish their work and cease meeting as of August 6. Of course, this excludes the Budget Conference Committee.

H.1757 - DISAPPROVAL OF CERTAIN RULES (Capps, R-92) This bill, most recently re-referred to the House Human Resources Committee, has been referred to a subcommittee for consideration. In its current form, this bill would disapprove the child care rules on playground equipment and certification that were to become effective July 1, 1998. It would disapprove rules developed by the Child Care Commission for: (1) Condition of Outdoor Play Equipment; (2) General Statutory Requirements; (3) Pre-service Requirements for Administrators; (4) In-Service Training Requirements; and (5) Pre-service Requirements for Teachers and Aides in Child Care Centers. There have been questions asked about the text books used by our colleges in this training.

S.1260 - JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM ACT - 2 (Cooper, D-10)

This Senate bill includes Governor Hunt's plan for a new state agency (Department of Juvenile Justice) to be created to meet the many needs of the juvenile court system, and the juveniles who find themselves in trouble.

The House version of the bill was marked up this week, excluding the Governor's

recommendation but creating a juvenile services division within the existing Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

Currently, the Juvenile Courts operate under the Administrative Office of the Courts, while juvenile training schools are run by the Division of Youth Services under the Department of Health and Human Services.

H.1541 - COMMUNITY COLLEGE SALE OF DONATED LAND (Mitchell, R-42)
(Senate Committee Substitute replaces original bill Mitchell Community College Land Sale).

This bill was originally a local measure. It now allows community colleges to use proceeds from land sales or lease of donated property for specific education purposes specified in the gift. Final passage was 7/21/95. The bill is awaiting the Governor's signature.

H.1369 - COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEASE PURCHASE AUTHORITY (Rayfield, R-93)
House passage, 7/29/98, enrolled, sent to Senate.

H.1368 - COMMUNITY COLLEGE PURCHASING FLEXIBILITY (Rayfield, R-93)
Awaiting Governor's signature.

S.1569 - ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT (Hoyle, D-25)
Senate concurred in House Committee Substitute. Signed by the Governor 7/24/98.

H.1357 - BEST VALUE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROCUREMENTS (Reynolds, R-25) Passed House, enrolled, 7/30/98. Sent to Senate.

Committee action...

S.1424 - CABARRUS COLLEGE DEGREE PROGRAMS (Hartsell, R-22)
House Ways & Means favorable report, 7/30/98.

S.1442 - UNION TECH LAND SALES OK'D (Plyler, D-17)
House Ways & Means favorable report, 7/30/98.

S.1125 - MISCELLANEOUS EDUCATION CHANGES. (Lucas, D-13)
Senate Education/Higher Education favorable report, 7/29/98.

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