

1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members of SBCC  
Presidents  
NCCC System Office Employees

**FROM:** H. Martin Lancaster

The Conference Committee which is composed of 22 senators, all Democrats, and 34 House members (29 Republicans and 5 Democrats) has not met as of this week. In the meantime, committees are considering pending policies and legislation which have been sitting for two weeks. Our System initiatives as set forth by the State Board are moving or have been ratified at this time.

Senate conferees met yesterday afternoon with a proposed draft of budget requests which they have sent to the House. They expect to hear from the House early next week. Clearly, the first priority with the House is availability of funds after tax cuts. The Senate continues to advance its spending requests, contending that education is its priority, but also wants to look at "overall special needs."

Frankly, it is time for any of us who are interested in our budget to contact the conferees of both chambers and our delegations.

Legislation of Interest

State items...

**H.1369 - COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEASE PURCHASE AUTHORITY (Rayfield, R-93)**  
Passed 2nd and 3rd readings in Senate. Enrolled 8/6/98.

**S.1424 - CABARRUS COLLEGE/DEGREE PROGRAMS (Hartsell, R-22)**  
Calendared House Education Committee. 8/11/98.

**S. 1442 - UNION TECH LAND SALES OK'D (Plyler, D-17)**  
Calendared House Education Committee. 8/11/98.

**S.1552 - CHANGES TO NOTARY PUBLIC ACT (Kerr, D-8)**  
Re-referred to House Finance. 8/5/98.

Federal Items...

**H.1151 Credit Union Membership Access**

**Gives credit unions the authority to include members outside the affiliated company. Note that passage of this measure will allow approximately 650,000 additional North Carolina families to join a credit union.**

**U.S. Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater announced a \$17.5 million federal grant to extend the runway at the Global TransPark in Kinston.**

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