



# The Senate Connection

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This Week:  
**PORK BARREL  
SPENDING**

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## A Message from Senator Andrew Brock

One of the biggest challenges our State faces is out of control spending by the General Assembly. I do the best I can in Raleigh to reign in the growth of government, but my Republican colleagues and I often run into resistance from the Democratic leadership. A large part of that resistance comes from their desire to spend millions and millions of taxpayers' dollars on pork barrel projects. These are projects that are narrow in scope and only benefit a small number of North Carolinians. I believe we need to cut back on these types of projects and prioritize expenditures that benefit the entire State such as education, transportation, and public safety.

This issue of my newsletter is devoted to the problem of pork barrel spending. Unlike a typical issue, this edition lacks articles. Instead it shows you some of the outrageous PTD (pork to date) that's been spent this session. I believe the best way to fight pork is to let the citizens know how their money is being spent. If these types of expenditures make you as mad as they make me, contact the chairs of the Senate and House appropriations committees and let them know about it!

### Senate Appropriations Committee Chairs:

- Senator Walter Dalton - [walterd@ncleg.net](mailto:walterd@ncleg.net)
- Senator Kay Hagan - [kayh@ncleg.net](mailto:kayh@ncleg.net)
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### House Appropriations Committee Chairs:

- Representative Mickey Michaux - [mickeym@ncleg.net](mailto:mickeym@ncleg.net)
- Representative Alma Adams - [alma@ncleg.net](mailto:alma@ncleg.net)
- Representative Martha Alexander - [marthaa@ncleg.net](mailto:marthaa@ncleg.net)
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## CAN YOU SMELL THE PORK?

This session alone there were 1700 bills filed in the House and Senate aimed at funding pork. When searching the General Assembly's website for legislation dealing with special projects there are thirty nine pages of bills. "You may read some of these expenditures and be puzzled about what it is or why the government is paying for it," Senator Brock said. "If that happens, then it's a pretty good sign that the General Assembly probably should not be appropriating money for it." Some of the major bills of interest includes:

- \$150,000 to restore the "historic" Old Pickle Shed in Faison, NC
- \$288,619 to the Riverside Golf Course
- \$150,000 to the American Dance Festival
- \$10,000 to the Scotland County Kuumba Festival

- \$5,000,000 to the Asheville Art Museum Association
- \$1,750,000 to the Swiss Bear Downtown Development Corporation of New Bern to prepare for the town's 300th birthday in 2010
- \$550,000 for needle exchange programs
- \$500,000 to build a soccer complex in Caswell County
- \$500,000 to the First Flight Venture Center
- \$500,000 to the James Hunt Institute
- \$500,000 to the Endor Iron Furnace in Lee County
- \$500,000 Gateway Gardens in Greensboro
- \$532,000 to build the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History
- \$9,000,000 over two years for a "grassroots" science museum
- \$3,000,000 to Sit-In Movement, Inc. to build the International Civil Rights Museum and Center
- \$500,000 to the Organization for African American Heritage Preservation Cultural Complex
- \$300,000 over two years for "Bio Quest" at the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science
- \$50,000 to the Friends of Woodlawn, Inc.
- \$250,000 to North Carolina Freedom Monument Project, Inc.
- \$150,000 to the Montgomery County Historical Society
- \$50,000 to 100 Black Men of America-Triangle East Chapter
- \$200,000 to the St. Joseph's Historic Foundation
- \$15,000 to Carl Chavis Memorial Branch YMCA
- \$500,000 to study the feasibility of putting a medical school in Buncombe County
- \$10,000 to the Black United Fund of North Carolina
- \$250,000 to the Davidson's Fort Historic Park, Inc.
- \$150,000 to study the status of river herring populations in NC
- \$150,000 to the Wake Smiles Program
- \$500,000 to the Penland School of Crafts
- \$15,000 to the Martin County Historical Society
- \$300,000 to the Foundation for the Renewal of Eastern NC
- \$500,000 to Roanoke Rapids tourism
- \$500,000 to the Carolina Crossroads Music & Entertainment Complex
- \$60,000 to the Nash County Arts Center
- \$50,000 to build a fitness center at Person High School
- \$150,000 to support Triad Stage, Inc.
- \$25,000 to the Bethel Field of Dreams Park
- \$50,000 to improve bathrooms at Blackmon Amphitheater
- \$500,000 to promote the Mid-Eastern Athletic Association basketball tournament
- \$50,000 to the Archives Research Committee at the Evans Metropolitan AME Zion Church
- \$100,000 to El Futuro

