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WHERE ARE THEY NOW??

Good Ideas the Democrats Refused to Act On During this Session

Message from Senator Andrew Brock on the Close of the Session

"After eight months in Raleigh, the legislature, under the leadership of Democrats, managed to accomplish very little, leaving many Republicans to ask, 'Should it take so long to do so little?' The Democrats have once again failed to address our state's most pressing needs, including education and transportation, but have managed to yet increase spending by nearly 10% and raise taxes.

It's a shame that Democrats did not do more to address some of the peoples' most pressing concerns. The Republican leadership put forth proposals on taxes, education, illegal immigration, and many other issues that North Carolinians care deeply about. However, most of these good ideas were sent to obscure committees where they remain today without ever having a single vote taken on them.

Most of what the press reports on are the bills that passed the General Assembly, but I'd like to share with you some of the best ideas put forth this session that either didn't pass or didn't get acted on at all."

Good Bills Democrats Ignored or Defeated

- **Senate Bill 14 – The Taxpayers' Protection Act.** This bill, stuck in the Ways and Means Committee, would have imposed limitations on the growth of state government.
- **House Bill 493 – The Defense of Marriage Act.** This bill would have allowed the voters of N.C. to determine whether marriage ought to remain between one man and one woman.
- **Senate Bill 1253– Voter Registration and Voting in English.** This bill sponsored by Senator Brock would have required that when not inconsistent with federal law all voting materials in North Carolina would have to be printed in English.
- **Senate Bill 114 - Execution/Physician Assistance Authorized.** There is currently a de facto death penalty moratorium in North Carolina due to recent actions of the state medical board. This legislation would have ended the moratorium and allowed justice to proceed.
- **Senate Bill 295– Fetal Murder.** This bill sponsored by Senator Brock would make it a crime to kill a mother's unborn child. Currently, North Carolina only recognizes one victim if an expectant mother is murdered.
- **Senate Bill 314 - Pension Forfeiture.** This legislation, written in the wake of the Jim Black scandal, would have required that public officials convicted of crimes related to their office would forfeit their state pensions.
- **Senate Bill 214 – Annexation Referendum.** This bill, also stuck in the Ways and Means Committee and sponsored by Senator Brock, would have prevented communities from being forcibly annexed by neighboring municipalities.
- **House Bill 878 - Eminent Domain Amendment.** This bill would have allowed voters to determine whether the state ought to be allowed to take private property for one person and give it to another under the guise of "economic development."
- **Senate Bill 767– Constitutional Officer Term Limits.** Another bill written in the wake of the Jim Black scandal, this bill would have put term limitations on the General Assembly's most power legislative officers.
- **Senate Bill 156 – Session Limits.** This act would have created limits on how many days per year the legislature could be in session, limiting expenses for taxpayers and ensuring that North Carolina has a citizen legislature.
- **Senate Bill 896 – Prohibit Human Cloning.** This bill sponsored by Senator Brock would prohibit scientists from attempting to clone humans.