

1. COLUMBIA ROTARY CLUB - March 7, 1977

*Sam Cartledge*

Program to consist of 5-10 minutes worth of remarks. Open the floor for questions from the membership

2. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL

General Appropriations Bill is 6-8 weeks ahead of the normal legislative year.

*Budget Concept.*

The special session which I approved is apparently paying dividends.

Total Budget is in excess of 1.2 Billion dollars.

3. Equalization of School Financing Bill

1. Funds Deficit Minimum Program - Repealed
2. Equalizing property tax burden for education.
- 3.

Equalization of School Financing Bill is in the House Education committee. It is expected to report out this week.

At present the range is from \$568 per pupil to over \$1000 per pupil depending upon individual school districts.

*K-12 - \$5,232 48M - 193  
20,00 \$46*

3. EQUALIZATION OF SCHOOL FINANCING BILL (Cont.)

While money allocation does not guarantee an equal education opportunity it is a necessary first step.

4. HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION BILL

*1) Re constitutes Comm - names Ch. of Bds. 2) Mandates state by planning for post secondary ed. 3) All budgets be submitted thru H.E.C. - except TEC - a Consolidated budget.*

5. BILL ON DSS Board

Bill on DSS Board is under debate in the Senate at present. Would probably favor 3 full-time Commissioners approached.

*Tide Lands*

6. TITLING BILL

*Tide Lands*

Titling Bill reported out of Fish, Game and Forestry Committee. It is up for Second reading in Senate.

1. Definition.
2. Permitting
3. Management.

*Critical Areas.  
Validation of title.*

7. GASOLINE TAX BILL

Gasoline Tax Bill ran on public promise of no tax increase.

8. HOUSING BILL

It is presently in Labor, Commerce & Industry Committee.

Key Question: Does state of South Carolina wish to get into the Housing Market?

*\$37M - Bonds - { State guarantees Bonds  
constitutions guarantee loans  
Adm. by Fiscal Institution.  
Clearing house B & CB.*