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Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond



FROM ELECTION NIGHT

The first major step for Wallace Wilkinson is over now with his stunning win in the governor's primary last Tuesday.

Not only did the win surprise many people, but it certainly sent a message of sorts to Kentucky's General Assembly.

As many of you know, of course, Wilkinson will face John Harper in the General Election this November.

It will be interesting to note if Harper stands alongside Wilkinson and shoots for the lottery as a campaign issue.

Most certainly Wilkinson's statewide popularity began to climb greatly as he began pronouncing and then shunting to the mountains the need for the lottery and his willingness to push the legislation through a session of the General Assembly, which will meet a few weeks after he takes office.

There's not doubt a majority of the democrats at least voting in the primary support Wilkinson's plan, and his apparent good judgment to stop bottering away at the state's incentive plan to Toyota.

As soon as he began focusing on the tax situation and his desire to not add taxes and at the same time pushed for the lottery, he began a steady rise in the polls.

Harper on the other hand will have to look at his pocketbook and that of the republican party in Kentucky to wage a legislative war with Wilkinson for some name recognition and the hopes he will be able to get even ground.

According to some political insiders I have had a chance to talk with, without some increased name identity, Harper's chances of pulling the state's second big upset in this election season are extremely slim.

A Guest Editorial From The Winchester Sun Special Session is needed in Kentucky

Special sessions of the Kentucky General Assembly should not be viewed as lightly as we without a clear purpose and goal.

But that does not mean that they should not be held from time to time. Indeed, when called for a single purpose, special sessions can enable the state's lawmakers to address some particular problem rather than trying to divide their attention between scores of issues and hundreds of pieces of legislation during the regular session.

One legislator, unable to adequately deal with a problem in a regular session, will either schedule a "special session" or a "hand-aid" approach that in effect solves nothing and sometimes aggravates the problem.

Workers' Comp is such an issue. Band-aid patches and piecemeal approaches haven't worked and the result today is a \$2 million a week shortfall. Kentucky is paying out \$2 million a week more in workers' comp benefits than is being paid into the program. In short, Kentucky is going \$2 million deeper in deficit every week. That's a mighty good reason for calling a special session.

As serious as the problem is, a special session should only be called when recommendations exist for dealing with the problem of Workers' Comp. And, thanks to the Workers' Comp Task Force, a 16-member group which has wrestled with the many complex issues associated with resolving Kentucky's Workers' Comp problems, recommendations have been drafted. Now they need to be acted upon, and quickly. For some time the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce has been calling for a special session of the General Assembly this year to meet the task force's recommendations. We concur with the Chamber's view that the time indeed has come for calling a special session.

The major recommendation for dealing with the shortfall concerns controlling medical care for long term benefits, and we believe the recommendation is one that will wear up well under scrutiny. Bank long costs alone can be reduced from 1979 to 1985 annually to \$22 million annually and by reducing the size and length of term of awards to more accurately reflect the degree of disability. And, limited benefits would be paid miners who have worked most of their life in other states and then move to Kentucky near the end of their mining career.

Action is needed now to address not only the \$2 million weekly shortfall, but the \$1.6 billion in past liabilities which have accumulated. Failure to provide relief not only will see the shortfall continue to mount, but will see employers already hard pressed to deal with a bankrupt economy - hit with even greater assessments for workers' comp later this year. Action is needed now to give Kentucky employers some much-needed and overdue relief.

By acting now in special session, the Kentucky General Assembly can resolve a long-standing problem and at the same time create an environment which will help Kentucky retain many currently business and industries as well as remain competitive in the search for new and better jobs for its citizens as we endeavor to build a better tomorrow.

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PICNIC FROLIC

The Mercury held its company picnic at Clark Licks State Park last Wednesday and it certainly goes to show that we haven't all become riveted to our desks . . . or at least most of us.

At the park, following a dinner with a menu too long to mention, the troops (if that's the case because of the hours we had to keep the last few weeks) gathered in the grass by the swimming pool for a game of white ball.

If you have never seen An Shearer throw a ball you have missed a rare opportunity.

She handled the pitching chores for one inning - for the other side I might mention, and took the loss, allowing two runs in three hits.

Kathleen Brewer missed her calling. She should be playing third base for the Cincinnati Reds. She scooped those grounders out of the dirt and was deadly with her throws to my daughter at first base.

And at the plate, Kathleen hammered that poor little plastic ball so hard it almost wouldn't whiffle any more.

Janie Duncan was the manager of the other team and handled the mound for our team the first inning.

She pitched about ball, but it took a couple spectacular plays from the old man himself to preserve the shutout.

Hey, this is my column and those plays were spectacular as far as I was concerned.

Donna Anderson can talk more than any second baseman I have ever seen and coupled with Mike Anderson, Amanda Anderson and Joy Anderson the lineups would have been slim without their participation.

My daughters Beth and Carol, both on the other team I might add . . . The girls side, did their thing. Both probably could play baseball as long as she gets to pitch!

It was a hard fought game, but our side won, 2-0, and we all showed up for the next day. That in itself was an accomplishment. That is, except for Miss Ann, she has Thursdays off. And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

Report to Kentucky

SENATOR WENDELL FORD

U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 40310

KENTUCKY'S THIRTIETH BIRTHDAY SHOWS GROWTH

AS CONGRESS ACTS ON NATIONAL CONCERNS

"Annual national concerns over the financial health of our savings and loan associations, is heartening to see a vigorous and growing thrift industry in Kentucky.

In response to scattered problems in Ohio, Texas and elsewhere, Congress is moving to strengthen the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp., which insures deposits to \$100,000.

Meanwhile, we must maintain public confidence in an industry program of FDIC-insurable savings to home buyers and savers across the nation. And that confidence clearly is high in Kentucky, with its many conservative and well managed savings and loans.

As governor in the early 1970s, I responded to an isolated problem by moving successfully to require all of our Kentucky savings and loans to be insured by the FDIC.

Since then, we have seen no savings and loan failures in the state. Deposits rose from \$1.3 billion in 1970 to \$6.3 billion in 1981, a period in which mergers reduced the number of Kentucky savings and loans from 108 to 67.

But we know that Kentucky is not immune to economic problems plaguing the thrift industry in some regions. Current FDIC legislation is important to our state. And I am moving through Congress on that score.

One of my major goals is to recapitalize the FDIC to make sure that sufficient funds always are readily available to protect deposits. Part of this, we must be careful not to over-burden the thrift institutions that pay for borrowing needed to replenish the insurance fund.

The FDIC has been authorized to issue \$1.5 billion in five-year, \$15 billion recapitalization has been rejected by both Houses. The House has passed separate two-year plans, with the FDIC's own plan for each of the next two years at \$1.5 billion. A reasonable compromise will give us the necessary recapitalization and time to follow national developments in industry before deciding on the next step.

Some proposals also would pass on a federal budget that our state's damage housing program so important to millions of American families in the housing industry.

In what I think is a prudent course in view of our staggering debt problem, that is considering a bill to freeze housing authorization in \$145 billion through the end of 1987.

Even with the freeze, the bill takes constructive approaches to housing problems. It would build down some housing delays and strengthen housing markets.

It would also make necessary to address our economic problems with innovation, prudence and common sense. And we are striving to do just that.

Fair and William Paul Boy Jr., May 28 in Hillsboro, North Carolina.

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GENERAL NEWS

Mercury Memories.....

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and Mrs. Ricky Howard, a daughter, Campbell, and Mrs. E. H. D. Yarbrough, 79, widow of Lee Yarbrough, Saturday, Douglas, Friday, 1980.

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Adults graduate.....

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"They never made me feel like they were better or smarter than us," Campbell said.

"If they made a mistake in class, they said 'I made a mistake' giving us the confidence to admit when we didn't understand something," she continued.

"If someone in the class was absent then the others, ever so gently, would wait for that person to catch up."

Each student was given a test at the beginning of the course, with the purpose of establishing where each student should start and what areas of education were their weakest.

"There was a lot of group work with everyone working at a pace where each could keep up."

Campbell completed her adult education classes in December, 1986, taking a grade of B. D. in both, and time to follow national developments in industry before deciding on the next step.

Campbell said she felt having three school-age children has helped her keep up with what was being taught in the school system; therefore, making learning a bit easier.

Campbell and her husband, Alvin, have three sons, Chris, 12, Michael, 7, and Matthew.

Alvin is a graduate of Bourton County High School, and has recently taken night courses at Mayfield Vocational College in Lexington.

"We used to dream about how all five of us were in school at the same time," Campbell said.

"If you can read, understand it and keep it in your mind," Campbell said of the G. E. D. exam, "you can pass with the answers."

"You're not discouraged if it doesn't go the way you want," Campbell said. "You just keep trying until you get it right."

"You have to be optimistic, like when someone asks a question of you and you don't know it, you say 'I'll try to find out for you' and you do."

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