

Session an education for Wilkinson - Joe Clark

All rights reserved.
By Mark B. Chaffin
Journalist

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — An hour of wrangling over the budget came to a resolution last week. Rep. Joe Clark was asked what Governor Wallace Wilkinson had learned from the process.

"Experience," said Clark, whose 11-year chairmanship of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee has extended through the term of five governors.

Wilkinson, who had more than his share of ups and downs through the 1986 session, said it

was not a matter of experience. The problem, he said, was the system.

"Experience was not the problem," Wilkinson said. "The problem is getting a state government representative enough to an incoming governor to have the staff and the information and the expertise and the things that are needed to make sense out of something as important and as serious as trying to assemble a budget and a legislative agenda."

Wilkinson's complaint is not a new one.

John Y. Brown Jr., Martha Layne Collins and Wilkinson all complained that the law that re-

quires governors to present a budget barely a month after inauguration simply does not allow time for thoughtful consideration of important topics.

Beyond the institutional problem, Wilkinson also had a few well-publicized disagreements with the General Assembly.

"I personally like the governor, but his relationship with the legislature must improve," said Rep. Judy Richards, D-Bowling Green, the majority caucus chairman in the House.

Wilkinson said those disagreements were overdone.

"I can tell you that the sometimes stormy session wasn't as stormy... as was reported... at least from my side," Wilkinson said.

The squabble moved Senate President Pro Tem John "Doc" Row to make a public speech on the subject last week on the Senate floor.

Through our joint efforts there is hope and firm expectations for victories over ignorance, illiteracy, poverty and sickness," said Row, a Winchester Democrat.

Clark said the governor will learn the niceties of legislative relations.

The governor admits to some frustration at the failure of some other major initiatives to gain legislative approval or, in one instance, legislative consideration.

Getting a constitutional amendment to allow a lottery on the November ballot and holding the line on taxes deflated two major campaign pledges, Wilkinson said.

"In this particular time, no new taxes and the lottery are the two things the general public wants, the two main things," Wilkinson said.

The governor admits to some frustration at the failure of some other major initiatives to gain legislative approval or, in one instance, legislative consideration.

Leading legislators say that if Wilkinson is to get along with the General Assembly he will have to make the effort.



Reg. \$12⁰⁰ per square yard
 Now \$9⁹⁵ per square yard
 Sale ends April 30

Garrett's Furniture
 222 W. Main - Carlisle
 289-2308

DID YOU KNOW? . . .
 You Can Get All Types of:

- Lumber
- Roofing
- Paneling
- Wallpaper
- Cabinets
- Guttering
- Plumbing
- Electrical

Reid & Vice 289-7175

BRUNER BUILDING & SUPPLY CO.
 1800 Main St. - Lexington, Ky.
 • Licensed Lumber/Plumbing/Supply/Wholesale
 • Electrical/Supply/Wholesale
 • Windows/General Contractors
 • Kitchen Cabinets • Flooring Products

Financing Available Through Bancorp
 First National Bank of Lexington
 849-2331 or 849-5011

Porter Paints
 Interior - Exterior
 Basement - Roof

- Easy to use
- Goes further with half the paint
- Good scrubability to last longer
- Custom mixing over 1,000 beautiful colors.

K A & B Cabinet Supply
 Sam Hutchison
 Owner

Office: 967-2809
 Mobile: 229-1721

814 Main Paris, KY

Tree Trimming and Removal
 Houses, Barns & Barn Roof Painting
 Bucket Truck Work

Harold Massey
 142 Arnold Heights
 Carlisle - 289-7009

Interior Latex Wall Paint

\$12.95 Per Gal.

"Update Your Home With Westinghouse Appliances and improve your T.V. & VCR viewing with Zenith"

Warren Lumber Co., Inc.
 Bobby Duncan Electric
 102 S. Broadway-Carlisle
 289-2539

Insulation • Paneling
 Hardware • Roofing
 Windows - Doors • Paint
 Rough Lumber

"One of the finest stores in town"
 Open Mon. - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sat. 9 - Noon

Warren Lumber Co., Inc.
 Winchester Road - Mt. Sterling
 408-5440

On any retail purchase of 3 gallons or more - receive FREE 4 inch nylon brush - valued at \$9⁹⁵. Or a paint roller and pan set valued at \$7⁹⁵.

Sale Starts April 14 and Runs through April 28.

GARRETT'S FURNITURE
 222 W. Main - Carlisle, KY 289-2308
 Store Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri.
 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sat.

Every "Old Barn" needs a new coat of paint!

See us for remodeling or repair, papering & painting

Call Clarence Cord, 289-2414
 Carlisle, KY

Tyrer Construction
 General Contractor

Jeff Tyrer, Owner
 Carlisle, KY
 289-5453

Legislative Perspective.....By Representative Adrian Arnold

With the conclusion of the 1988 General Assembly session for the two day April veto session, the chapter ended for one of the most difficult periods in recent legislative history.

The final version of the biennial budget seemed to satisfy few. And, although the budget was officially approved by House members, the red lights on the voting board reflected the concern for the program not included.

On a positive note the budget did include additional funding for continued class-size reduction in Kentucky's elementary schools. The School Facility Commission, which controls school building construction received an increase in funding. Also, higher education received \$25 million more than originally proposed.

The budget proposal within the economic development budget remained in tact for farmers to take their salable products out of state.

And, money to fund local infrastructure projects was appropriated.

In the late hours of the session, the weight-distance tax needed to replace the Commonwealth's constitutional truck deal was finally approved by legislators.

Both elected producers but their state tax credit as committee negotiations refused to come to an agreement on that provision of the bill.

After many false starts and stops, election reform finally received endorsements from a majority of House members.

Although the measure was made by check, the Governor's somewhat condensed version of the recommendation presented by two task forces, the legislation retained many of the important reforms. Among other provisions,

the bill prohibits the mailing the absentee ballots unless the person is disabled, has a medical emergency or is jailed.

"Addresses purging of the voting rolls,"

"Prohibits absentee voting within 500 feet of the polls."

"Makes vote-buying and selling a felony punishable by one to five years in prison."

"Aid, payments made to the people having votes to the polls must not be more than the reasonable value thereof" and all payments made by check.

In the meantime, the Governor's ready approval by the House and Senate making it a felony for a campaign contributor to channel

money through children or business associates in order to avoid the \$4,000 contribution limit.

It appears that the voters of Kentucky will be considering only the constitutional amendment that had. The statewide lottery proposal and the proposal to constitutionally prohibit the legitimacy of broad-based death will be offered for voter approval. The gubernatorial election amendment failed to get Senate approval.

Many issues needing attention were not mentioned due to revenue restraints. But, members of the House of Representatives worked hard to fairly address the needs of the Commonwealth and spread what little resources that were available so far possible.

This is a directory of area contractors and suppliers who are here to help when you need them.

SPRING Remodeling time!

Whether it's remodeling of an existing structure, we have the money you need. Stop in today and talk with one of our loan officers for a Home Improvement loan.

First National Bank of Carlisle Member FDIC

Need an Electrician?
 Call Charles "Whitey" Scanlon
 Electrical Service
 289-2923 Day or Night

No Job too small
 Small appliances, barn wiring, service changes, lamp repairs, room additions, new house wiring, add-ons, and trailer wiring.

26 years experience Insured & Licensed

Design Service Available
 ♦ Free Consultation on your decorating needs.
 ♦ We can help you coordinate that special room!

Garrett's Furniture
 222 W. Main Street - Carlisle
 289-2308

Next to good weather...
A GARDENER'S BEST FRIEND

The Ford name sets you off quality built. Some value features:

- 5-HP Briggs & Stratton engine.
- Economical chain drive.
- 12 in. rigid steel tires. Adjust for wide slope.
- or narrow rear calibration - 7", 12", 17" or 22"
- Adjust depth control to 7"

Montgomery Tractor Sales Inc.
 Winchester Road, Mt. Sterling
 408-5342

For great Home Improvement Ideas Check The Mercury Classifieds!

"Our Services are here to meet your every need."

CLAY MYNEAR
 Plumbing & Heating & Air Conditioning
 206 Market Street - Carlisle
 289-5994

MOW, TILL AND MORE!

Quality Built. Ask to see the Ford 20 year limited warranty.

FORD Y16 Yard Tractor

Mow your lawn, till your garden and much more with a Ford Yard Tractor. And get much more than that in a big lawn and garden tractor.

• 16 HP Cyclone Briggs & Stratton motor with carburetor
 • 12" x 16" Economical Chain Drive
 • 12" x 16" Economical Chain Drive
 • 12" x 16" Economical Chain Drive
 • 12" x 16" Economical Chain Drive
 • 12" x 16" Economical Chain Drive

Montgomery Tractor Sales, Inc.
 Winchester Road, Mt. Sterling, KY
 408-5342

See our large selection of wall coverings and coordinated fabrics to serve both residential and commercial interiors.

Wallcoverings 20% off

Garrett's Furniture
 222 W. Main Street - Carlisle
 289-2308

When you're making improvements, make a Farm Credit loan your foundation.

Whether you're planning to add a new barn, grain bin, or addition to your home, make an investment that makes sense.

Talk to us. You'll find that our financial services make an investment.

We offer farm improvement loans with flexible terms and competitive rates for just about any kind of construction improvement. We've been lending to agriculture for over 70 years. The Farm Credit Services.

John P. Faye - Branch Manager Brenda Rorer - Loan Officer
 Locust Street, Carlisle, KY 289-2308

Carpet
 As Low As \$3⁹⁹ sq. yard
 Astro Turf \$2⁴⁹ sq. yard
 Vinyl \$3⁹⁹ sq. yard

Fizer's Carpet
 270 E. Water Street
 Flemingsburg, KY 845-9771

Complete Line of:
 Electrical Lighting Supplies Plumbing

- ✓ Rooftop Ventilators
- ✓ Paddle Fans
- ✓ Whole House Fans

Mt. Sterling Electric Supply
 Alexa Drive - Mt. Sterling
 498-1165