



# NoPort News

A newsletter of the North Carolina International Terminal

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## ***R.C. Soles bill***

State Senator R.C. Soles has introduced S778, an act to “Eliminate Overlap Between CAMA and SEPA.” The act would eliminate the requirement for an environmental impact statement before proceeding with a major project if a permit under the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) is obtained.. It would excuse the State Ports Authority from preparing an environmental impact statement for the proposed container terminal on the Cape Fear River.

The environmental impact statement is the fundamental mechanism for state and federal environmental laws—it requires comprehensive analysis of a broad range of environmental impacts, and provides a forum for comment by state, federal and local agencies, universities, and the public.

A CAMA permit involves a much more limited inquiry and is issued by a single agency. As the law is now written, the CAMA process is a supplement to the broader environmental impact statement, addressing specific coastal issues. CAMA without the environmental review process of SEPA would be a gate without a fence.

The NC Senate Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee has the bill. The Chairman is Senator Bob Atwater:

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## ***P.O.R.T.S. Contest***

We have received the first entries for the *Public Options Regarding Terminal Site* contest, to find an alternate use for the 600-acre site on the Cape Fear River intended to be despoiled by the NC State Ports Authority for a container terminal. The contest closes June 15. The entry form and details are on the Web site at [www.noportsouthport.org](http://www.noportsouthport.org).

## ***Coming Up***

May 5. St. James Town Council meeting. 4:30 p.m., Members Club

May 27/28. North Carolina State Ports Authority Board of Directors meeting

June 25. NoPort Southport Environmental Panel Discussion. 7:00 p.m.,  
Southport Community Building

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