



# NoPort News

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

State Senator R.C. Soles's bill to eliminate the requirement for an environmental impact statement before proceeding with a major project in a coastal area has passed the Senate and is now before the North Carolina House of Representatives. See our May 1 newsletter for details..

The bill, S778, an act to "Eliminate Overlap Between CAMA and SEPA," would excuse the State Ports Authority from preparing a state environmental impact statement for the proposed container terminal on the Cape Fear River. It would not affect the federal requirement for an environmental impact statement for the dredging that would be required for the project. But it would expose the port site and many other sensitive coastal areas to reckless environmental devastation without the public review and professional oversight that has been the essence of state environmental policy for 38 years. All for the sake of Asian imports.

The NC House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Committee now has the bill. The Chairman is Representative Lucy Allen:

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

We continue to receive 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).

## ***Environmental Panel***

On June 25, at 7 p.m. at the Southport Community Building, NoPort Southport NC, Inc., will be hosting a panel discussion of the environmental impacts of the container terminal proposed for the Cape Fear River at Southport. Panelists will represent the environmental community and academia. Each panelist will make a short presentation, and then questions will be invited from the audience.

The winners of the P.O.R.T.S. contest will be announced at the meeting.

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