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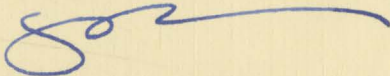
Dear Representative Diamont:

I would like to express my appreciation for the fine job you did as chair of the Appropriations Committee in the House of Representatives. It was a pleasure to work with you during the past session.

I am especially appreciative of your advocacy and support on behalf of those issues which are critical to the human resources needs of the State of North Carolina. Without your support and guidance, many of the items that were included in this year's budget would not have been funded.

If there is ever any way I can be of assistance to you as we prepare for the short session, please feel free to call on me.

Respectfully,



G. Peyton Maynard

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## Summary Page

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<i>Representative: Terms / Party</i>	
Number of Terms:	8
Party:	Democrat

<i>Counties in District</i>
Alleghany, Ashe, Stokes (part), Surry, Watauga (part)

<i>District: Seats / Party</i>	
Number of Seats:	3
Party Leaning:	Swing

<i>Major Cities in District</i>
Sparta, Jefferson, King, Mt. Airy, Boone

<i>Personal Summary</i>		
Sex: M	Place of Birth: Greensboro, Guilford Co.	Spouse: Debby
Race: W	Date of Birth: February 9, 1946	
Education: Appalachian St. Univ. - M.S.	Occupation / Place of Employment: Teacher/Football Coach: E. Surry High School	

<i>Legislative Profile Summary</i>	
<i>Committee Chairmanships</i>	<i>NCFREE Scores</i>
Appropriations - CH	Legislative Rating 1989: 58 District Rating 1989: 54

<i>Election Summary - 1988 1st Primary</i>		<i>Election Summary - 1988 General Election</i>	
Republican	Democrat	Republican	Democrat
*Marshall Hall 3,783 (25%) *Paul Huffman 3,120 (21%) George Saylor 1,890 (12%) Lewis Willis 1,949 (13%) *Gene Wilson 4,447 (29%)		Marshall Hall 26,743 (16%) Paul Hoffman 27,592 (16%) *Gene Wilson 29,049 (17%)	*David Diamont 29,449 (17%) *Judy Hunt 29,255 (17%) Wade Wilmoth 27,678 (16%)

<i>Contribution History Summary - 1988</i>			
Total Contributions:	7,089.90	# of PAC Contributors:	19
Total Loans:	0.00	Total PAC Contributions:	3,825.00
Total Expenditures:	9,566.39	% of PAC Contributions:	54%



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## Personal Profile

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### Personal Information

<b>Race:</b> W <b>Sex:</b> M <b>Date of Birth:</b> February 9, 1946 <b>Place of Birth:</b> Greensboro, Guilford Co.	<b>Spouse:</b> Debby <b>Children:</b> N/A
<b>Religious Affiliation:</b> Methodist	

### Education

Frank L. Asheby High School, 1963-64	Wake Forest University, B. A., 1968 Appalachian State University, M. S., 1972
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### Employment

Teacher/Football Coach: E. Surry High School Teacher/Football Coach: Mt. Airy High School
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### Military Service

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### Activities / Boards / Commissions

Church Board of Trustees; National Rifle Association; NCAE; NC Coaches Association; Lambda Chi Alpha; National Historical Society; Sierra Club; Surry Co. Historical Society; Wake Forest Deacon Club; Pilot Mtn. Jaycees (former member); Governor's Council on Physical Fitness/Health 1979; Pilot Mtn. Foundation, Inc., Director
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### Honors

Assistant Coach: E-W All Star Football Game, 1985	Coach of the Year, NW 3-A Conference, 1979, 1983
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## Legislative Activity

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<i>NCFREE Legislator Rating 1989</i>	<i>NCFREE Legislator Rating 1986-1988</i>	<i>NCFREE District Rating 1989</i>	<i>Legislator / District Ratio 1989</i>
58	56	54	58 : 54

### *Committees*

Appropriations, CH  
Education Sub.- Elementary & Secondary Education  
Governmental Operations Commission

### *Explanation of Terms and Symbols*

**NCFREE Legislator Rating:** NCFREE's Legislator Rating predicts how often each incumbent can be counted on to champion the position on legislation supported by most free enterprise advocates. The rating is determined by combining the results of NCFREE's Subjective Test (annual opinion survey of NCFREE member government affairs representatives) and the NCFREE Objective Test (annual compilation of legislative voting records). Up to 194 factors have been used to calculate the rating. The total factors are dependent upon the number of legislative terms.

**NCFREE District Rating:** NCFREE's District Rating predicts the likelihood of election success for a candidate who, more often than not, would support the position on legislation held by most free enterprise advocates. The rating is determined by analyzing 126 variables from sources including public opinion research results, census data, election history data, and population density data.

**+ = Positive Vote:** A "+" symbol beside the Objective Test bills indicates that the legislator voted FOR the position advocated by the Objective Test participant who submitted the bill. (Each participant may submit 3 bills annually.)

**- = Negative Vote:** A "-" symbol beside the Objective Test bills indicates that the legislator voted AGAINST the position advocated by the Objective Test participant who submitted the bill. (Each participant may submit 3 bills annually.)

**X = Did not Vote:** A "X" symbol beside the Objective Test bills indicates that the legislator did not vote on that bill.



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## Vote History

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### 1986 Objective Test Bills

H 196: Flexibility in Setting Environmental Regulations	-	H 215: Currituck Land Transfer Act	+
H 236: Repeal Comparable Worth Study	+	H 245: Hazardous Waste Strict Liability	-
H 1176: Adopt Comparative Fault	-	H 379: Small Claims Court	+
S 873: Insurance Regulations/Limited Tort Reform	-	H 818: Late Payment Fees	+
S 442: Treble Damages for Worthless Checks	+	H 829: NC Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organizations Act	+
S 438: Minimum Penalty for Shoplifting	+	H 883: Expand Sales Tax Exemption for Farm Products	+
H 222: Tax Relief/Inheritance & Estate	+	H 968: Future Roads Act Part 2	+
H 455: Double Recovery of Workers' Comp. & Unemployment	+	H 1010: Utilities Reg. & Provide Corp. Income Tax Credit	+
S 488: Equitable Sales Tax - Livestock & Poultry	+	H 1188: Limit Financial Institutions Insurance Activities	X
S 606: Length of Certain Vehicles	+	H 1322: Use Value Tax Treatment Corporations' Land	-
H 195: Clean Detergent Act	-	H 1548: Camden Land Transfer Tax	+

### 1987 Objective Test Bills

H 27: Itinerant Merchant Privilege Tax	+	H 1158: Private Auto Insurance Changes	+
H 35-M5: Repeal Low Level Waste Compact Mgmt. Auth. 2	X	S 65: Adopt Comparative Fault	-
H 458: Communicable Disease Law	X	S 164-A2: Ban Consumer Phosphate Detergents	-
H 773-M11: Insurance Advertising & Sales (Motion 11)	X	S 164: Ban Consumer Phosphate Detergents	-
H 931: New Motor Vehicle Warranties	X	S 172-A2: Expand Workers' Compensation Benefits(Amend. 2)	-
H 939: Insurance Benefits Subrogation	+	S 215: Increase Bad Check Fee	+
H 1022: Credit Insurance Rate Charge	+	S 671: Sunday Liquor Sales Hours	+
S 524: Electric Rate True Ups	-	S 813: Least Cost Planning, Utilities	+
S 661: Gamish Wages for Hospital Debt	X	S 818: Shoplifting Remedy	+

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### 1988 Objective Test Bills

H 2389: Allow S Corporations	+	H 1288: Low Level Authorization Deadlines	+
H 2372: Corporate Income Tax Changes	+	H 1304: Leaking Tank Fund	+
H 2651: Correct Tax Effective Date	+	H 2365: Low Level Waste	+
H 288: Salvage Tax Law	+	H 2430: Sales Tax on Mail Order Sales	+

### 1989 Objective Test Bills

H 126: Extend Expiration Date of Fuel Clause	+	S 115: Solid Waste Revolving Fund	X
H 1036: Limit Liability for Vol. Health Care Providers	+	H 701-M6: Expand Workers' Compensation Benefits(Motion 6)	-
H 1037: Limit Liability for Volunteer Athletic Health Care Providers	+	H 1062: Limitations on Semitrailers	-
S 282: Prohibits AIDS Discrimination	+	H 1312: Low Level Waste Amendments	+
H 701-R2: Expand Workers' Compensation Benefits (2nd Reading)	-	H 446: Billboard Compensation Sunset	+
H 701-R3: Expand Workers' Compensation Benefits (3rd Reading)	-	H 1565: Outdoor Advertising Fees Increase	X
H 597: Peak Load Device Tampering	+	H 1111: Small Claims Court Amount Increased	+
H 1312-A8:Low Level Waste Amendments (Amend. 8)	-	H 415: Competitive Telecommunications	+
H 399: Highway Trust Fund	+	S 509: Statewide 911 Service	+
S 379: Quantity Forestry Exemption-Sedimentation	X	H 1312-A1:Low Level Waste Amendments (Amend. 2)	-
S 111: State Solid Waste Policy	X	S 324: Hazardous Waste Management	+



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## Contribution History (1988 Election)

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<i>Total Campaign</i>	
Contributions:	7,089.90
Loans:	0.00
Expenditures:	9,566.39

<i>PAC Contributions</i>	
Number of PAC Contributors:	19
Total PAC Contributions:	3,825.00
Percent PAC Contributions:	54%

<i>PAC Contributors (\$500 and Over)</i>	
NC Academy of Trial Lawyers PAC (NCATL)	750.00
NC Assn. of Life Underwriters (NC-LUPAC)	600.00
<b>Total</b>	
<b>1,350.00</b>	

<b>Total of Other Business PAC Contributions:</b>	1,150.00
<b>Total of All Other PAC Contributions:</b>	1,325.00

<i>Breakdown of PAC Contributors</i>				
<i>Category</i>	<i>Number in Category</i>	<i>Contributions in Category</i>	<i>Percent of PAC Contributions</i>	<i>Percent of Total Contributions</i>
Labor	1	400.00	10%	6%
Business	9	1,750.00	46%	25%
Medical	3	400.00	10%	6%
Ideological	2	400.00	10%	6%
Plaintiff Attorney	1	750.00	20%	11%
Education	0	0.00	0%	0%
Professional	1	50.00	1%	.7%
Environmental	2	75.00	1%	1%

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## District Profile

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### *p-Base Summary Information*

**District  
Rating 1989**

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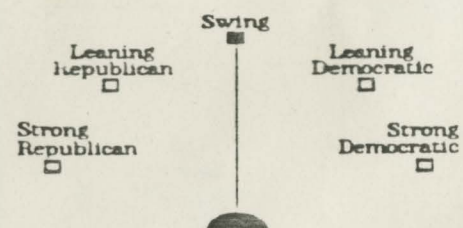
**District  
Ranking**

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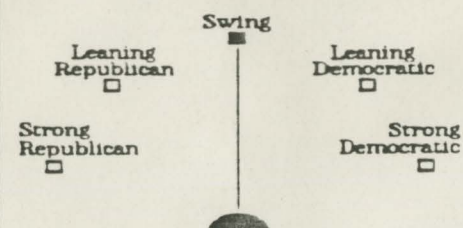
### *Statewide Elections History*

Campaign	% Voting Republican	% Voting Democratic
1984 Presidential	64.0%	36.0%
1984 Senatorial	51.9%	48.1%
1984 Gubernatorial	51.8%	48.3%
1988 Presidential	59.7%	40.3%
1988 Lt. Gubernatorial	53.6%	46.4%

### *Statewide Elections History*



### *District Elections History*



### *Summary of Influential Variables*

Variable	Amount	Natl Octl	Regnl Octl	Variable	Amount	Natl Octl	Regnl Octl
Median School Years	11.2	8	8	Percent Black	3.6%	8	4
Annual Growth Rate	0.80%	5	8	Percent Hispanic	0.7%	4	6
Male / Female Ratio	94	3	4	Percent Renters	22.5%	7	6
Population Age 18 +	73.3%	2	3	Percent Home Owners	53.6%	6	6
Population Age 65 +	11.6%	3	4	Median Rent	\$223	7	7
Median Age	31.1	3	4	Median Home Value	\$44,012	5	7
Median Income	\$18,846	6	7	Double Income H.H.	60.1%	5	3
Married W/ Children	35.9%	4	4	Wht/Blue Collar Index	83	5	7



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### Demographics

Age Categories				Home Value			
Under 6	7.5%	25 - 34	15.3%	Under \$50,000	60.2%		
6 - 9	6.0%	35 - 44	12.1%	\$50,000 - \$99,000	34.6%		
10 - 13	6.4%	45 - 54	10.3%	\$100,000-\$149,000	4.5%		
14 - 17	6.8%	55 - 64	9.5%	\$150,000-\$199,000	0.3%		
18 - 24	14.5%	Over 65	11.6%	\$200,000+	0.4%		
Income Categories				Education			
Under \$10,000	26.5%	\$30,000 - \$49,000	19.2%	0 - 11 Years	54.1%		
\$10,000 - \$14,000	14.0%	\$50,000 - \$74,000	4.6%	High School Grad.	26.7%		
\$15,000 - \$19,000	13.0%	\$75,000 +	1.6%	1-3 Years College	10.0%		
\$20,000 - \$29,000	21.2%			College Graduate	9.2%		
People / Household				Number of Vehicles / Household			
One	18.3%	3 - 4	37.8%	None	10.3%	Two	36.4%
Two	33.0%	5 +	10.9%	One	27.8%	Three +	25.5%
Housing With:							
Air Cond.	10.5%	Telephone	88.4%				
Heating	60.9%						

Occupation		Industry	
Executives, Managers, Admin.	6.6%	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Mining	5.8%
Professional and Specialty	8.8%	Construction	7.2%
Technical and Support	1.4%	Manufacturing	39.3%
Sales	6.9%	Transportation	3.2%
Clerical and Support	11.4%	Communication & Public Utilities	1.7%
Private Household Service	0.5%	Wholesale Trade	2.8%
Other Services	9.6%	Retail Trade	13.0%
Crafts and Precision Production	15.3%	Finance, Real Estate, Insurance	2.7%
Machine and Transport Operators	28.4%	Business and Personal Service	5.4%
Laborers and Handlers	5.6%	Professional Education Service	9.6%
Farming, Forestry, and Fishing	5.5%	Other Professional Service	7.1%
		Public Administration	2.4%



10-19-89

Dear Mr. Diamant,

Thank you very much for providing answers to my questions on school finance last Saturday. Surry County is fortunate to have a man of your knowledge and concern in their legislature.

Again, I appreciate your taking time from your busy schedule to help me.

Sincerely,  
Silvy L. McMillian



## Legislators to vote on waste agreement

RALEIGH — Gov. Jim Martin is expected to issue a proclamation Monday calling for a special session of the General Assembly Dec. 7, when lawmakers will be asked to ratify a regional agreement reached this week on hazardous waste.



**Martin**

The legislature had been expected to meet on the hazardous-waste issue months ago, but negotiations faltered when Alabama, which has a key hazardous-waste landfill, said it would work only with states that have existing facilities. North Carolina has none.

Alabama relented Wednesday by accepting a proposal for a regional incinerator and a landfill for the incinerator's ash as North Carolina's chief contribution.

The governor and leaders of the House and Senate have agreed to call a session beginning at noon Dec. 7, with committees in the Senate and House working on the hazardous-waste proposal the day before.

## Diamont gives up coaching

RALEIGH — State Rep. David H. Diamont, D-Surry, has decided to give up coaching high school football to spend more time with his family.



**Diamont**

Diamont, 43, told his East Surry High School Cardinals that this season — his 21st in coaching — would be his last. He will continue to teach sociology, economics and government at the school in Pilot Mountain and will seek a ninth term in the House next year.

Although Diamont discounts talk of expanding his political horizons, he said there was no way he could continue to coach and take advantage of any new opportunities.

"One thing's for sure," he said. "To continue coaching football, I wouldn't have a chance to look at anything. If there are opportunities that open themselves for me politically in the future, it means I'll have a chance to assess what I can and cannot do."



# More money possible for N.C. 88

## Rep. David Diamont says Trust Fund is freeing up money

by Patty Wheeler  
Managing Editor

Rep. David Diamont (D-Surry) told local Chamber of Commerce members Tuesday night there's a "very good possibility" Ashe County can get more money for improvements to N.C. 88.

The money would come from the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ashe is one of two counties not scheduled to receive any funds for four-laning highways in the TIP, he said, and the availability of money from the new Highway Trust Fund will free up some TIP funds.

Ashe is only to receive money for secondary road paving from the trust fund, Diamont said.

"Three of the top five counties with unpaved roads are in my district, and that's why I voted for it (trust fund)," he

said.

Richard Lemly, chairman of the county commissioners, told Diamont the state should allocate miles, not money, for road construction.

"It costs more to pave roads up here than down in the Piedmont," Lemly said. "We don't particularly like the way the money was whacked up because we're now in a district with much larger towns."

Diamont said citizens can look forward to a tax increase in 1991 when about \$200 million that was taken out of the trust fund for teachers' salaries must be replaced.

The representative, who served as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said he was proud of the

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### Talking with Diamont

*Calvin Miller, president of the Performing Arts Building Committee, discusses the possibility of obtaining state funds for the project with Rep. David Diamont (D-Surry) during his visit to the county last week.*

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openness of the past legislative session.

"Folks, it was open, and I am very proud of the process," he said.

In the past, he said, a "Gang of Eight"—four representatives and four senators—would get together behind closed doors and hammer out the state budget.

This year, following the ouster of House Speaker Liston Ramsey and the election of Rep. Joe Mavretic as speaker, the entire 71-member appropriations committee had a voice in the process and all meetings were open.

"My job was, flat out, to have the appropriations process open," he said. "Everyone had a

chance to speak, and the process worked. People were forced to compromise and work together."

Diamont said he put his legislative career on the line when he joined the coup last winter to oust Ramsey.

"On the personal side, I lost a lot more than I anticipated," he said. "I lost a lot of friends."



COACH DAVID E.  
Diamont  
DAD



**WHERE THE CROWD GATHERED** — A popular meeting place in Statesville has been Holmes Drug Store. Newspaper photographer Max Tarpe captured this happy group of high school students in front of the drug store in the late 1940's talking with the football coach, Dave Diamont., at right on the back row. Shown from left on the front row are Godfrey Kimball, Jay Little, Nancy Pipkin and Bailey Tharpe; on second row from left are Paul Brendle, Bill Miller, John Hartline, Bebe Davidson, Bill Beck, Bill Sweeney, Ann Pipkin, and Peggy Munday.