

STATEMENT BY SENATOR ROBERT MORGAN  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT  
AND PUBLIC WORKS  
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Mr. Chairman:

It is a pleasure for me to be with you this morning and to have the privilege of introducing to the members of this Committee, the Honorable Robert W. Scott, former Governor of the State of North Carolina and President Carter's nominee for the position of Federal Co-Chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

It certainly is not surprising to those of us who know Governor Scott well that President Carter would have turned to him to fill this position.

Bob Scott and I have been close friends for a long while and I know firsthand what President Carter must have known -- that the concerns which he has demonstrated throughout his career lead him naturally to this place of service in our National Government.

Bob Scott has always been dedicated to improving the lot of the common man, to developing the potential of rural areas, and to bringing new and greater opportunities to persons reaching out for them.

And it is a part of the tradition of his family to be dedicated to such causes.

His father was one of the greatest governors of our States and his name is still revered throughout North Carolina, especially in our rural sections where his ambitious roadbuilding programs provided miles and miles of farm-to-market roads and literally took North Carolina farmers "out of the mud." He was a leader in the area of rural electrification bringing a whole new era to the less densely populated sections of our States. He always moved easily among the people for he was of the people. And they later showed their love for him by electing him to the United

States Senate.

Bob Scott has followed in his father's footsteps.

As a farmer in Haw River, North Carolina, he has operated a prosperous dairy operation and has always known what it is to rise early and put in an honest and long day's work. He appreciates and understands the private sector and the principles of free enterprise.

He has given of himself time and time again to lead community and statewide civic projects. And he early entered the political arena.

Bob Scott served as one of North Carolina's youngest Lt. Governors, serving well after defeating a large field of seasoned and respected opponents. It was a natural thing for him to move from that high office to that of Governor of North Carolina, winning a hard-fought campaign and

then serving with distinction for four years.

His administration was marked by progress and enlightened leadership.

He undertook the task of reorganization of the State Government and the State's higher education system. These were not easy tasks and a lesser man might have failed. But Bob Scott possessed the leadership and the persuasive abilities necessary to bring together competing forces and hammer out the compromises necessary to move these programs and others through the legislative maze and to see his dreams for North Carolina and her people become reality.

The Appalachian Regional Commission is important to us in North Carolina, as it is to all those States included in its jurisdiction. You gentlemen know its record; you have provided needed legislative leadership and you have ridden herd on the Commission's programs.

I can assure you that Bob Scott will provide the sort of leadership for the Commission that the members of this Committee want and that the people of the Appalachian states, including my own State of North Carolina, deserve. I have worked shoulder to shoulder with him over the course of many years and I can assure you of his dedication, his wisdom, his energy, his loyalty, and most important his sincere concern for people and their progress.

We in North Carolina are proud that President Carter has nominated Robert W. Scott for the position of Federal Co-Chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission. I thank you for allowing me to share these personal observations with you and urge your favorable consideration of his nomination.