

## Legislative pace quickens early

State Legislature by Representative Clarence D. Noland Jr.

The legislature's pace quickened considerably during the second week of the General Assembly's 1986 Regular Session with nearly 500 bills already having been introduced for consideration.

Both the House and Senate took action on several bills and many other proposals began to move through the committee system.

Also, the budget-making process commenced and since all budget bills must originate in the House, the Appropriations and Revenue committee has begun the complex and often lengthy task of reviewing and revising budget legislation.

Looming on the legislature's horizon are issues created by the Toyota Motor Corporation's decision to locate an \$800 million auto-assembly plant in Kentucky. Paramount among these issues is the financial-incentive package the Collins administration has offered the Japanese automaker, which could cost the state as much as \$300 million over 20 years.

\$300 million, by anyone's standards, is a gigantic incentive, even for the several thousand jobs that will be created. Kentucky desperately needs the jobs, but some very basic ground rules must be established.

As a starting point in this regard the House Republican Caucus has endorsed a resolu-

tion urging Toyota to use American expertise and labor in the design and construction of the Japanese automobile plant.

House Concurrent Resolution 23, introduced by Republican Representatives, asks Toyota to strive to employ American workers, engineers, architects and contractors whenever possible for the purpose of designing and constructing the plant.

The resolution, although conceived by Republicans, quickly gained support from Democratic legislators and the Governor's staff. Obviously, the immediate popularity of the measure emphasizes the fact that the legislature, indeed, the entire Commonwealth wants Toyota to hire Americans and preferably Kentuckians as much as possible during and after construction of the plant.

Also, it is obvious that the legislature would be less supportive of the financial incentive package if Toyota does not respond to the call for using Americans in design and construction of the plant.

And, it has been suggested that the legislature link approval of the financial incentives to the percentage of American made parts used at the assembly plant.

It is good to see the legislature stand united on such an important issue and like the old saying goes, "You either stand for something or you'll fall for anything."

## Sound Off

**-Sound Off-**

To the person or persons who keep trying to tie up my little brown dog and keep him. I am afraid you will cause his death if you don't stop it. He will get caught in a fence or the trees and will starve to death trying to get back to me. I have your fish string, electric cord, fire string and your last one alarm chain. You can come by and get them if you like.

**-Sound Off-**

I would like for everyone to read the column The Country Preacher. I think he really means what he writes. I thank God for Brother Wright.

**-Sound Off-**

I think its pretty bad the City of Irvine doesn't have a skating rink.

**-Sound Off-**

I worry why XXX movies aren't for children under 18. They already know about it anyway.

**-Sound Off-**

I would like to ask the Mayor why he would want to put a police chief back on the street. The Mayor doesn't even know how to run an office. I think he stinks.

**-Sound Off-**

I think its pretty bad that the women have to worry about money and the men don't.

**-Sound Off-**

I would just like to say thanks to the new sheriff's department. I have seen them on Barnes Mountain patrolling every night or every other night. The community has really been cleaned up. Flynn's department has kept their word and honesty is something rarely found. I really appreciate the job they are doing.

**-Sound Off-**

This is to the husband that

keeps calling in about his wife eating onions. Quit putting it in the paper and talk to her about it.

**-Sound Off-**

I'm from Jackson County and I read the Citizen Voice and Times. I just want the girl who took my boy friend from me to know that I will get him back. I'll take him from you just like you took him from me. In case you don't know who this is I'll give you a hint, I live in Jackson County and you live on Locomotive Street.

**-Sound Off-**

I would like to comment that there is an Eddie Sutton show on TV why not a Bart Rison show on TV?

**-Sound Off-**

I would like to know the reason why the four people who killed Loretta Lynn Willoughby haven't been brought to court, tried and convicted. It has been awhile and I think this girl deserves better than what she has had.

**-Sound Off-**

Talking about cleaning up the town, the one thing that is needed is a dog pound. One can't walk or drive through town for the dogs or keep your yard half way clean. If I had a hog in town the police would be here immediately but a hog is no more of a mess than a dog. Build a dog pound or pass a law that everyone who owns a dog should have a fenced in area for their dog. If people can't afford a fenced in area let them do without the dogs. People can't even dry clothes in the yard for the dogs pulling them off the lines.

**-Sound Off-**

To the person who called in about Estill County Band colors blue and gray. In the first place they are not gray.