

## **Rabon's power failure**

EDITOR: To use baseball as a metaphor for politics, Senator Bill Rabon has thrown us some curveballs in the past. The latest is his controversial Senate Bill 559 demanded and largely written by Duke Energy for multiyear rate increases. Duke Energy contributed \$10,000 to Rabon's Campaign Fund for his pivotal role in advancing the bill.

Thanks to Rabon's support of Senate Bill 559, Duke Energy can:

- Increase electricity rates for homes and businesses for five years;
- Avoid the traditional annual reviews for rate hikes;
- Will receive huge windfall profits worth hundreds of millions of dollars every year;
- Use our tax money to pay for their millions of tons of coal ash cleanup and other coal combustion byproducts mistakes;
- Have a negative effect on recruiting new industry to North Carolina thanks to multiyear increases. ...

Senator Rabon heard the call from Duke Energy, "swing batter, batter" and he delivered a grand slam. Giving the homerun to Duke Energy who pays little to no federal tax on billions in profits is like the billionaire baseball team owner getting taxpayers to foot the bill for stadiums.

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