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N.C. House approves compensation to eugenics victims

RALEIGH (MCT) — The North Carolina House approved in an 86-31 vote Tuesday a measure that will compensate people sterilized by a state authority over four decades.

Under the bill, people verified by a state Office of Justice for Sterilization Victims and determined eligible by the Industrial Commission would each receive \$50,000. House members voted to change eligibility, so that people alive as of May 16, 2012, would be eligible, rather than those alive in March 2010.

The bill sets aside \$10 million in a reserve fund to pay victims. The bill now moves to the Senate for consideration.

House Speaker Thom Tillis described the eugenics program as an egregious example of government taking away rights.

"This is a chance to make history," Tillis said.

Lawmakers opposing the measure said the state cannot properly compensate people for past government actions.

Rising debt could trigger a downturn, agency warns

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) - A new report says that a U.S. debt crisis could hit soon and imperil the economy if Washington fails to staunch the red ink.

The nation's publicly held debt will climb to dangerously high levels — more than 70 percent of the gross domestic product — by the end of the fiscal year, Sept. 30, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said Tuesday. That's a level not seen since World War II.

The nation's debt load has historically hovered at 38 percent of GDP, the nation's total output of goods and services, but inched up to 40 percent at the end of 2008 before Obama took office.

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BASEBALL

sent the Tar Heels into unfamiliar

territory — the loser's bracket. "I just left the ball up, and now we're here," Morin said. "I wasn't

overwhelmed at the situation or anything like that. I was calm and I just wasn't throwing strikes. I just didn't feel comfortable." In order to advance, the Tar

Heels needed to win three straight games including two rematches against the Red Storm.

UNC began the uphill battle Sunday afternoon while facing ECU. The Tar Heels returned to their original recipe for success and used strong defense and a solid performance on the mound to win the game 5-3 and eliminate

Michael Russell anchored the Tar Heel defense, snagging some touch balls and turning a pair of crucial double plays.

"I thought obviously our pitching did the job, and Michael Russell was really good at short and made a couple big plays," Fox

The win meant that UNC had to take the field for a second time Sunday to face St. John's in a rematch of Saturday night's game.

Once again St. John's put a run on the board first in the second inning, but this time, UNC

responded with three runs in the bottom of the frame.

But UNC's momentum quickly slowed down as the Red Storm added three runs in the third. UNC didn't have an answer for St. John's and allowed the Red Storm to score five runs off six hits in the last six innings, including two runs in the both seventh and ninth innings.

"The kids played their guts out," St. John's coach Ed Blankmeyer said. "They made some mistakes, we took advantage. We played well. We just outplayed them this weekend. They made some mistakes and we got some breaks and that's baseball.

The 9-5 loss ended UNC's season at 46-16 and eliminated hopes of returning to Omaha and the elusive College World Series.

"Obviously we didn't get where we wanted to go, but we had a great year," Jacob Stallings said. "It's just disappointing the way it

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this season. Carasiti earned the win as he pitched into the sixth inning.

Taylor, a sophomore, was hit with the loss as he was pulled in the third for freshman Luis Paula

"We just never could sustain consistency, to get a couple of hits back-to-back in an inning," Fox said. "It's hard to win at this level on this stage if that doesn't happen. You've have to have one good at bat followed by another one. You can't rely on the other team to make a mistake."

If nothing else, the early postseason exit puts all of Fox's trips to Omaha in perspective.

"Maybe now people will realize how hard it is to get to Omaha," senior Jacob Stallings said. "And realize what coach and the program have done over the past seven years.

"I guess the other teams have made it look easy, but its not easy."

tially on keeping interest rates on

student loans low, promoting tax

benefits for families and modify-

ing immigration policies to make

it easier for international students

He said he spends a lot of time

"My jobs is to make sure there

is as much money as possible in

research agency funding so they

have money to give us," he said.

Simmons said the increased

lobbying efforts on issues pertaining to higher education will ben-

efit students, and the price is well

said. "It's about positive policies

our students and faculty."

that support higher education and

"It's not just about money," he

lobbying for agencies such as the

National Science Foundation -

which gives research grants to

to come to the U.S.

professors.

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"It involves a lot more one-onone contact," he said. "All of us (university administrators) spent a good bit of time explaining that there's a lot of human interaction

involved in the process. Phillip Asbury, UNC's deputy director for scholarships and student aid, said the White House discussion is important because many colleges and universities in the U.S. don't provide students with enough information to make informed financial decisions.

"Part of the push with folks who are developing this is so new students can take a standard notice to compare each school to the next," Asbury said. "It should be easy for a student to look at something from UNC and compare it to the University of Virginia."

He said UNC is more affordable in comparison to its peer institutions, so it doesn't make University officials nervous to provide students with the recommended information.

Representatives from schools and school systems, such as Arizona State University and the State University System of New York, joined UNC in the commitment to financial aid transparency.

Harold Martin, chancellor for North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University was also at the White House Tuesday.

But Joni Worthington, spokeswoman for the UNC system, said she wasn't sure whether or not other schools in the system would institute the government's recommendations at this time.

Thorp said the event was intended to send a message to other universities to develop more consistent language for financial aid information.

"There's always worry that there are people who can go to college free but don't know that because the information is so confusing," Thorp said.

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Despite the costs associated with keeping an office, Rhinehardt said it is a very costeffective allocation of resources.

"You are getting a return on your investment pretty easily," she

"If you increase the amount of money going into the National Institute of Health or Department of Energy so our researchers have access to research dollars, then we have more than paid for ourselves."

Rhinehardt said the system's two biggest lobbying concerns are increasing financial aid for students and federal funding for research, although university lobbyists have argued on many other issues as well.

Simmons said Duke's current lobbying efforts are focused par-

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