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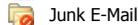
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Legislative Updates:

PEACE. Last Friday, the Senate approved its budget proposal mostly along party lines. Because it differs from the specifics of the House version, which is typical, the chambers likely will have to negotiate a compromise (as the House is unlikely to concur with the Senate changes straight-up). What that means is that the House's budget proposal has gone to the Senate for concurrence and the Senate's proposal is in the House for concurrence.

Now the two chambers will have to come to decisions that take into consideration budget suggestions from the House, the Senate, and the governor in order to come up with the final budget. I believe there will be several weeks of debating and negotiating before a final budget is produced. [Here are some comparisons between the three entities. \(Governor, House, Senate\)](#)

Once the final version is drafted, it will be forwarded to Governor Roy Cooper for his consideration. Thanks to many of you that voted in the last election, the governor doesn't have a veto-proof majority to contend with in the legislature this time.

What comes next is interesting. Will the governor (who has asked for a Medicaid expansion plan and other things not in either the House proposal or the Senate's) veto whatever the General Assembly approves? And what happens then, in terms of putting a consensus budget in place? Stay tuned.





Groundbreaking Ceremony - Connect NC Bond Science Building

Last week I attended the groundbreaking ceremony of UNC Charlotte's new science building; a facility that will reshape the way science is taught and studied at the university.

The new facility, located at the corner of Craver Road and Mary Alexander Road, is a result of a commitment made in 2016 with the passing of Connect NC, a \$2 billion infrastructure bond designated in large part to support the rapid growth of the state's public colleges and universities.

Of the \$2 billion total in the bond package, some \$980 million was earmarked for constructing new academic facilities and other improvements across the UNC system, including \$90 million to build this new science building at UNC Charlotte.

Despite the 130,000 square feet of flexible classrooms and laboratories that will be available when the building opens in 2021, space will immediately be at a premium. Additional funding proposals totaling \$45 million currently are being considered by the North Carolina General Assembly to renovate the Burson and Cameron academic buildings. If passed, the funds will make possible the updating of labs and development of co-working spaces for faculty and students that are on par with those of the new building.

Supporters of [SB 359](#) are misleading the public on North Carolina's 20 week abortion ban.

Tuesday on the Pat McCrory Show with Bo Thompson, Speaker Tim Moore made this false statement:

"A few years ago we passed a bill that said you cannot do an abortion in North Carolina beyond 20 weeks ... liberal federal judges struck that down ... Now in North Carolina under that law someone can get an abortion up until right before the baby is

delivered. That is absolutely outrageous.”

Audio Link (quote starts at 12:20 mark)

Here are the facts:

- North Carolina's 20 week abortion ban still stands, except for in situations beyond the 20 weeks where the fetus is not viable.
- Judge William L. Osteen, Jr. ordered that North Carolina's 20 week abortion ban is “hereby declared unconstitutional and the enforcement of [the ban] is ENJOINED only to the extent that [the law] prohibits any pre-viability abortions. For purposes of this order, the word “viability” shall be defined by reference to Supreme Court precedent.”
- The statement that in North Carolina you can “get an abortion up until right before the baby is delivered” is false.

Here is [Judge Osteen's order](#). He is a George W. Bush appointee.

Statement from House Democratic Leader Darren Jackson

“SB 359 supporters need to stick to the facts about North Carolina's law. There is no evidence SB 359 will save any lives. There is lots of evidence, most recently a new study from the Georgetown University Center of Health Policy, that one of the best things states can do for new mothers and new babies is expand Medicaid.”



I was elated to meet newly crowned Miss USA, Cheslie C. Kryst, while she visited the Legislature. Cheslie, a Charlotte native and civil litigation attorney, was here to show her support for criminal justice reform.

Cheslie is passionate about pro bono cases that support clients with low-level drug offenses serving long-term sentences. She does free legal work for these prisoners helping them to seek reduced punishments.

Cheslie earned both her law degree and MBA from Wake Forest University and graduated cum laude with a Bachelor's degree from the Honors College at the University of South Carolina. She is an active volunteer for Dress for Success which provides support, professional attire and development tools to help women.

As Miss USA, Cheslie will represent the United States at the Miss Universe 2019 competition.

Good news for our area! On Monday I received notice from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency that Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte, Inc. was awarded \$100,000 from the Housing Trust Fund to make emergency repairs for 10 homes in Mecklenburg County.

These repairs will enable veterans, seniors and disabled North Carolinians with very low incomes to continue living safely in their own homes.

A recent policy brief concluded that the Urgent Repair Program can result in Medicaid savings of up to \$19 for every \$1 invested in the Urgent Repair Program.

The 2019 awards totaled \$4.5 million and will finance repairs to 622 homes in 61 counties. The funds help homeowners make emergency repairs to correct safety hazards or to make accessibility modifications.

North Carolina Honors World War 2 Veterans on 75th Anniversary of D-Day

Today, the North Carolina General Assembly recognized the 75th anniversary of the Normandy invasion with a ceremony at the State Capital.

I was honored to have been asked to speak on behalf of the Democratic legislators on the occasion of the D-Day invasion. As a former pilot who flew over 120 combat missions over North Vietnam, I fully understand how, in the predawn darkness on June 6, 1944, what those brave young soldiers felt as they landed on the beaches of Normandy. Some 150 thousand young soldiers from the United States, United Kingdom, and Canada stormed the beaches of Normandy, France to push the Nazis out of Western Europe.

It was my honor to stand before some of those World War II veterans today listening to their stories of triumph, leadership, victory, sadness, and pain. On occasions like this, I think about the young men in combat on D-Day. I appreciate their bravery and their placing their lives on the line for us, so we can enjoy the fruits of freedom.

Before the official ceremony, several veterans were given an opportunity to speak. One 99-year-old veteran recounted his experience during the D-Day invasion. Dr. Jack Hughes was a 24-year-old medical officer with the U.S. Navy during the landings. He said what he remembers most about that day is the carnage, the chaos and the roar of the bombers. Another veteran stated, "Freedom is but one generation away from extinction. We don't pass it on to our children through our bloodstream. It must be protected, fought for and taught in the schools and in the home. Otherwise, we don't have freedom."

During the ceremony, the names of the 39 North Carolinians who sacrificed their lives on June 6, 1944, were read aloud. Also, there was a wreath laying, rifle salute and a bugler playing "Taps."







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