

## Legislative Update – Senator Joyce Waddell

North Carolina General  
Assembly



District 40

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### *Greetings Constituents and Friends:*

This week at the North Carolina General Assembly proved very busy. There were several issues addressed that you may be interested in following:

The House passed a drastically different version of **S.B. 20**, Gas Tax Changes. For the remainder of 2015 the tax would drop to 36 cents per gallon - then set a floor moving forward. The Senate will have to address the changes to the bill in the coming weeks.

The House also passed an incentives bill to reinstate and increase funding to the Job Development Investment Grants. **H.B. 117** includes 20 million dollars for an infrastructure grant program that helps companies build new sites. The Senate will consider this bill also in the coming weeks.

Governor Pat McCrory introduced his \$21.5 billion dollar budget proposal Thursday morning, March 5. The General Assembly will now consider his recommendations and move forward with legislation that will return to the Governor's desk later this session.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Martin addressed a Joint Session of the General Assembly this week. Chief Justice Martin called for increased spending of 30 million dollars to adequately fund the State Court System.

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Thank you so much for your support. Joyce

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