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Session Recap

Charlotte, NC- The long legislative session is going much longer than expected. The majority party leaders have been offered a budget compromise and they are not willing to negotiate. It's costing tax payers \$42,000 a day for legislative sessions to continue. It is hoped that an agreement will be reached in the very near future.

House Bill 555 Medicaid Transformation Implementation was calendared with all Senate Democrats voting no. This bill does not address the needs of full medicaid. House Bill 555 would allocate more than \$400 million in funds to the new program, funding that's in the vetoed budget bill. Senator Waddell and other Democrats raised concerns about the toll the change would take on residents

This week the Senate voted on House Bill 226 Pay Increases/State Employees. This bill features the pay raise package for most state employees outside of education and law enforcement but does include everything that was listed in the Democratic budget.

It may be some time before the Governor and the majority party come to an agreement on the budget, but in the meantime, it is important that majority party negotiate on the budget. "I stand with Gov. Cooper to push for investments in education and health care in the state budget instead of more corporate tax breaks and special interest earmarks" said Senator Joyce Waddell.

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