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Greetings:

The legislative session for last week took place for only one day. During that day's legislative session an adjournment resolution was introduced to jointly adjourn on Friday, December 10, 2021, to reconvene on Thursday, December 30, 7 2021, at 12:00 noon.

Joyce Waddell

Community Happenings with Senator Waddell





Senator Waddell held lively discussions with some Charlotte Mecklenburg School Board Members while attending the Center City Partners reception event.



Senator Waddell and Legislators join the Governor in welcoming Honeywell Industries to Charlotte.



Senator Waddell and elected officials join the Mayor of Charlotte in welcoming Honeywell to Charlotte.



Senator Waddell celebrates Founders' Day celebration with members of National Council of Negro Women (NCNW).



Senator Waddell and others attending the filing event.



Senator Waddell prepares to file for 5th term.

Highlighted Bills

Senate Bill 219 would modify practical experience requirements applicable to persons seeking licensure as a professional land surveyor or certification as a land surveyor intern, and would make other technical changes to Chapter 89C of the General Statutes.

Senate Bill 725 would prohibit the State Board of Elections, county boards of elections, and county boards of commissioners from accepting private monetary donations, directly or indirectly, for conducting elections or employing individuals on a temporary basis.

Election Bill

The Governor vetoed a Republican-backed bill Thursday that would force elections officials not to count any mail-in ballots that arrive after polls close. “The legislature ironically named this bill ‘The Election Day Integrity Act’ when it actually does the opposite,” the Democratic governor said in a statement. “Election integrity means counting every legal vote, but this bill virtually guarantees that some will go uncounted.” North Carolina currently has a three-day grace period for absentee ballots. Nobody can vote after the election is over, but as long as their ballot is in the mail by Election Day or earlier, the state will keep accepting and counting them for three days after the election. That’s meant to account for the slow pace of the U.S. Postal Service.

The bill lawmakers passed in November, which the Governor has now vetoed, is Senate Bill 326 or the Election Day Integrity Act. It would require that no mail-in ballot delivered to elections leaders after 7:30 p.m. on Election Day can be counted, no matter when it was put in the mail. Opponents said that would lead to thousands of legitimate votes being thrown in the trash. Republicans dismissed that concern and said the change is needed to improve confidence in elections.

It was reported shortly after the legislature passed the bill, that dozens of GOP state legislators from around the country — including 16 from North Carolina — signed a letter that suggested the possibility of overturning the 2020 election results, removing the President from office and reinstating the former President as leader. There is no evidence of any scheme to rig the election with mail-in ballots or any other method, according to even the former Presidential administration officials like the former Attorney General. Numerous courts have also ruled that the former President had no proof for his claims, although he and his allies have continued to push the false claims of fraud.

Senator Waddell announced her candidacy to run for a 5th term in

the 40th Senatorial District in Mecklenburg County.

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