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Greetings:

We are purportedly near the finish line for short session. Last week at the General Assembly, we voted on several bills. As we adjourned on Thursday, it was determined that the next voting session will be on Monday.

Joyce Waddell

Budget Adjustments

The North Carolina House and Senate budget-writers are close to completing their work on proposed adjustments to the second year of a two-year state spending plan approved last fall.

There is a matter of \$6.2 billion in projected revenues beyond what was expected. The enacted budget already tells state government how to spend about \$27 billion for the next 12 months.

The General Assembly leaders will meet with Governor before earmarking the excess revenues. They are hopeful that the Governor who offered his own proposed budget adjustments, will sign their plan into law.

With an enacted budget already in place, Republican lawmakers sound less inclined to work out a replacement plan should Cooper veto the proposal. Republican leaders have said they are aiming to adjourn this year's work session around July 1.

Some want to see the compromise product contain the state's acceptance of federal money to expand Medicaid to hundreds of thousands of additional low-income adults. But many House Republicans remain skeptical of Medicaid expansion.



**Law Enforcement
Visit Senator
Waddell**

Senator Waddell met with two City of Charlotte Police Officers to discuss possible legislation regarding gun safety.

Taiwanese Delegation Visits the General Assembly

A Taiwanese Delegation came to Raleigh to interact with legislators to increase communications between the two locations.



Senator Waddell participated at the Care4Carolina Legislative Prayer Breakfast. Discussions at the breakfast included the importance of Medicaid expansion.



Senator Waddell and other members of the Mecklenburg Delegation meet with NCDPS Secretary William Lassiter to discuss the concerns of a Mecklenburg County juvenile detention facility closure. The facility currently houses more than 50 juveniles.

Nursing Care

In North Carolina, the state of nursing-home care will be closely linked to Medicaid funding in the state budget under discussion at the General Assembly. Even though Medicare covers the costs of doctor visits, hospitalization and pharmaceuticals for the overwhelming majority of older adults, the program only covers nursing home care for short stays such as rehabilitation after surgery or, say, a stroke. When it comes to long-term care, Medicaid becomes the dominant payer for many people who are low income, or who have exhausted their retirement savings.

It is important that the General Assembly pass Medicaid expansion to assist in nursing home care. Senator Waddell is a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging and will be advocating the importance of Medicaid coverage. Which includes costs of complete medical coverage.

Listening Session

Senator Waddell participated in a listening session with fellow Democrat women legislators.



Senator Waddell is working tirelessly for Senate District 40, but she cannot do this alone. Many of her precincts have changed which makes the election much more competitive. In November she will have an opponent running against her. Can she count on your help to continue working for the district?

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Summer is officially here! Enjoy outside activities and wear your hats and sunscreen. Go to the beach and enjoy life. One thing this pandemic has shown us is that things happen quickly and life can be cut short, so enjoy your life and live!

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