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## ***100 Years Young***

*Senator Waddell presents a senatorial statement honoring the life of Mildred Smith Grier for her 100-year-old birthday.*

## **Greetings:**

### **At the General Assembly** ***For the Week***

*No committee meetings or voting sessions were held all week. Thursday of last week marked what is called crossover. All bills that will be heard for the long session had to crossover to the other chamber. If a bill did not make it to crossover, it is considered dead and will have to be refiled next session, unless it affects the budget. If so, it cannot be filed again until the next long session.*

***Joyce Waddell***

## **Gun Provision**

North Carolina lawmakers recently approved a provision buried in a 47-page abortion bill that could create a loophole allowing domestic abusers to purchase firearms. No one charged with domestic violence is permitted to purchase or own a firearm under federal law. Sadly, individuals who abuse their companions are only charged with assault or assault on a female. According to the federal background check database or NICS, domestic violence convictions are not flagged because they are not explicitly identified as such in state criminal records.

When the state still required pistol purchase permits, local sheriffs could see the convictions and deny the permit; however, now that the permit requirement has been repealed, NICS is the only required background check. In North Carolina, therefore, individuals with misdemeanor domestic violence convictions can still purchase firearms.

## Teacher Appreciation Week



*Senator Waddell attends a local elementary school to assist by being a lunch time substitute during Teacher Appreciation Week.*

## Financial Forecast

North Carolina’s state government cash basket will remain flush with cash at the end of the fiscal year after projections made three months ago by state officials were adjusted only slightly downward recently. The governor’s state budget office and General Assembly staff released an updated forecast after the Department of Revenue received key April 15 individual and corporate income tax payments and returns.

Thursday’s forecast also slightly raised revenue projections for each of the next two fiscal years through June 30, 2025. February’s forecast expected year-over-year revenues during that time period to be essentially flat.

The House passed a budget last month. The Senate is expected to unveil and vote on its budget proposal next week. The two chambers will then negotiate a final budget measure to present to the governor. The governor’s budget proposal sought to spend nearly \$33 billion next year.

## VETO Rally on the Mall

Senator Waddell participates at a rally for the Governor's veto of SB 20 Care for Women, Children, and Families Act.



## Vaccinations

*Since March of 2020 we have been talking about COVID, but because many still do not believe that COVID exists, and is continuing to be contagious, we ignore what could be signs.*

*The state claims that COVID is reducing, it may be, but that does not mean that we should not still continue safety precautions. Hand washing and staying away from crowds are still good methods to use to diminish your chances of getting the virus.*



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