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Greetings:

The General Assembly held session last week and voted on over thirty-five bills last week. You can expect to see another large number of bills next week in an attempt to create a budget.

Joyce Waddell

Veto of Bills

SB 153 North Carolina Border Protection Act (An act to protect the borders of the state by (i) requiring cooperation with federal immigration officials, (ii) ensuring state funds are being used for the benefit of persons in the state legally, (iii) creating additional incentives for local governments to comply with state laws related to immigration, and (iv) prohibiting UNC constituent institutions from becoming sanctuary universities)

Governor Stein vetoed House Bill 318 because it would have required sheriffs to extend detention of individuals based solely on ICE detainer requests, even after those individuals would otherwise be released.

SB 50 Freedom to Carry NC (An act to protect a person's right to carry a concealed handgun without a permit and to continue allowing persons to acquire a concealed handgun permit for reciprocity or any other reason desired and to increase the amount paid for line of duty deaths and to establish a scholarship for children of permanently disabled or slain NC law enforcement officers and to increase the punishment for committing an assault with a firearm against certain emergency, medical, and law enforcement personnel and to create the offense of discharging a firearm by a felon during the commission or attempted commission of a felony and to create the offense of possessing a firearm by a felon during the commission or attempted commission of a felony)

The Governor vetoed this bill because it "undermines responsible gun ownership and it reduces the age to carry a concealed weapon from 21-18 years old and authorizes teenagers to carry a concealed weapon with no training."

HB 318 The Criminal Illegal Alien Enforcement Act (An act to modify eligibility for release and require notification of release to immigration and customs enforcement when a prisoner is subject to an immigration detainer and administrative warrant)

The Governor believes that this bill is unconstitutional because it authorizes "sheriffs to detain people for up to 48 hours after they would otherwise be released."

I will vote to uphold these vetoes because like the Governor, I am concerned with the safety and rights of North Carolinians.



Seafood in NC

Senator Waddell prepares floor remarks for House Bill 442 - Flounder/Red Snapper and Shrimp Trawling. She inquired about the timing and, most importantly, the unintended consequences for small businesses if this bill passed.

Fostering Care in NC Act

House Bill 612 is a comprehensive child welfare reform bill that strengthens protections for children, enhances oversight in child welfare proceedings, and expands guardianship assistance.

I support any legislation that provides an easy pathway for success for children who have been in foster care. Providing foster care can give a child a safe, loving place to live.

NC General Assembly

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