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## Greetings:

*To date, the Governor has vetoed 14 bills:*

*Governor's Veto of H.B. 193 - Firearm Law Revisions.  
Governor's Veto of H.B. 96 - Expedited Removal of Unauthorized Persons.  
Governor's Veto of S.B. 416 - Personal Privacy Protection Act.  
Governor's Veto of S.B. 227 - Eliminating "DEI" in Public Education.  
Governor's Veto of S.B. 558 - Eliminating "DEI" in Public Higher Ed.  
Governor's Veto of H.B. 805 - Prevent Sexual Exploitation/Women and Minors.  
Governor's Veto of H.B. 171 - Equality in State Agencies/Prohibition on DEI.  
Governor's Veto of S.B. 266 - The Power Bill Reduction Act.  
Governor's Veto of S.B. 254 - Charter School Changes.  
Governor's Veto of H.B. 549 - Clarify Powers of State Auditor.  
2025 Legislation with Effective Dates of July 1, 2025 through January 1, 2026  
Governor's Veto of H.B. 402 - Limit Rules With Substantial Financial Costs.  
Governor's Veto of S.B. 153 - North Carolina Border Protection Act.  
Governor's Veto of S.B. 50 - Freedom to Carry NC.  
Governor's Veto of H.B. 318 - The Criminal Illegal Alien Enforcement Act.*

*Joyce Waddell*

## Voter Data

The state election board has launched a comprehensive "Registration Repair" plan to correct missing voter registration information for over 100,000 voters. The effort responds to ongoing legal challenges alleging that incomplete voter data could lead to fraud, despite no evidence supporting these claims. The plan seeks to comply with federal law by obtaining missing driver's license or Social Security numbers, which are often absent due to clerical or database errors rather than voter fault.

Around half of the affected voters already provided the information, but state databases failed to record it correctly. For the remaining voters, mailers will request the missing details, offering online, in-person, and mail-in options. Voters who do not update their records before the next election will still be allowed to vote but must cast provisional ballots, which require post-election review and risk being rejected if information is not verified.

If we are going to process these types of data updates, we should do so with caution and accuracy and at least two different checks and balances.



## ***Black Political Caucus***

*Senator Waddell delivered prayer at a Black Political Caucus meeting where all candidates currently running for office in this November election were given an opportunity to introduce themselves.*

## **Inflation Concerns**

Prices for everyday things like groceries, clothes, and furniture are going up in North Carolina, and experts say it is partly because of new tariffs that make imported goods more expensive. Inflation, which measures how much prices rise over time, went up 2.7% in June compared to last year. Grocery prices alone have risen about 17% since 2022, and medical and clothing costs have also gone up.

What is inflation?

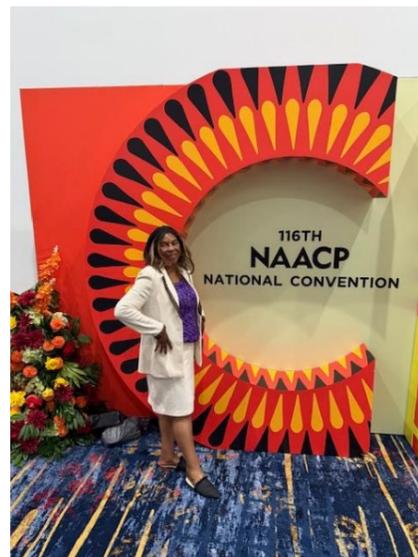
Inflation is when the cost of goods and services goes up, meaning your money does not stretch as far as it used to. For example, if groceries cost \$100 last year, and prices rise, and you will now pay about \$102.70 for the same items.

The increase is caused by several things, including higher demand for goods, supply shortages, and tariffs on imported products. While the goal of the tariffs is to encourage more American-made products, it will take time before consumers see any benefits, and for now, shoppers are paying more.

I believe one of the best ways we can offset the impact of inflation is by practicing mindful spending and focusing on the essentials first. By planning purchases carefully, buying in bulk when possible, supporting local and seasonal products, and avoiding unnecessary debt, we can stretch our dollars further. Simple habits, like comparing prices, reducing waste, and saving a portion of our income, build financial resilience. On a community level, sharing resources, bartering services, and supporting local businesses can also keep money circulating locally, which strengthens the economy and helps ease the burden of rising costs over time.

## **NAACP**

*Senator Waddell and House Representative Brown congratulate the NAACP President at the closing event of the NAACP 116th National Convention.*



## NC General Assembly

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