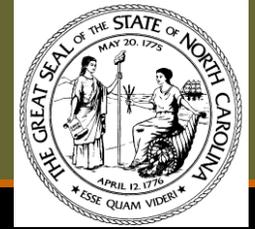




LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM
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State of the State

Recently at the General Assembly, we were honored to welcome Governor Pat McCrory to the House Chamber to give his first of hopefully many State of the State address. He laid out his positive vision for North Carolina and his goal of a smaller, more efficient, and customer-focused state government. North Carolina House Republicans are proud to stand behind Governor McCrory and his three main priorities for our state: **Fixing the Economy, Transforming Education, and Improving Government Efficiency.**



The View from Seat #99 on the House Floor

We have only been in control of state government for a month, but already we have begun to take positive action to address the wide range of problems that awaited us. We have needed to make some tough votes to address some of these issues, and the opposition has predictably been on the attack.

We have refused expansion of a broken Medicaid system and put a plan into place to pay off a \$2.5 billion dollar Unemployment Insurance debt owed to the federal government that was suffocating job growth.

We will continue to make these important decisions and do what's right for North Carolina taxpayers. We will look at tax reform that will make North Carolina more competitive economically with our neighbors, pass legislation protecting the election process, and continue to push to remove outdated, burdensome regulations that stifle job creation and protect the 2nd Amendment.

Destiny Reid Serves as Page

Other Bills of Interest

HB 145 – School Calendar Flexibility for Alamance County – introduced by myself and Rep. Steve Ross

HB 101 – End the Estate (Death) Tax – see below

HR 63 – Resolution supporting the 2nd Amendment

HB164 – Eliminate Obsolete Boards and Commissions



Destiny Reid served as a House Page. This outstanding young lady is a Senior at Graham High School. Destiny did a great job during the week representing her family, school, County, and State very well.

HEARTY GET WELL WISHES AND MANY PRAYERS HEAVENWARD FOR OUR SHERIFF TERRY JOHNSON FOLLOWING HIS HEART SURGERY LAST MONTH. GOD BLESS YOU WITH A FULL RECOVERY.



Visiting the 6th grade class of Sandra Johnson at Southern Middle School. Great morning spent with the wonderful educators at SMS. That tote bag you see is now on the office wall in Raleigh.
Go TIGERS!!



Always a pleasure to welcome friends from Alamance County to their District 64 office in Raleigh. A few of our local Farm Bureau members were in town recently and stopped by for a visit. We had a good discussion of issues important to our agriculture community. Pictured below are Mr. & Mrs. Henry Vines, Mr. Vaughn Willoughby and Mrs. Cyndi Smith

With Mr. Gregg Thompson of the NC National Federation of Independent Business. The NFIB recently hosted a breakfast meeting with legislators. Small and independent businesses provide nearly 50% of NC jobs.

Death and Taxes



The House Finance Committee voted last week to approve House Bill 101, sponsored by Rep. Susan Martin. This common sense bill would eliminate the death tax in North Carolina. The death tax is the ugliest of all taxes that descends upon a deceased individual's assets (family) upon their death. It is an unfair tax that hurts farmers and family business and punishes growth, success, thrift and hard work. North Carolina and Tennessee are the only states in the Southeast U.S. that have a death tax, and Tennessee is allowing theirs to expire in 2016. This may be our best opportunity to finally separate the words "death and taxes" from each other in a meaningful way.