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North Carolina
General Assembly

2011 Session; Number 2
February 28, 2011

February Legislative Summary

Major Legislation:

H2 - Protect Healthcare Freedom.

- Enable Attorney General to file suit exempting NC from federal health care law
- Passed House and Senate
- Awaiting decision by Governor

S8 - Eliminate Charter School cap.

- Eliminates statewide cap of 100 charter schools
- Passed Senate; currently in House

S13 - Balanced Budget Act of 2011

- This bill reduces expenditures in the current 2010-2011 fiscal year by \$540M
- Passed House and Senate
- Governor Veto

My Legislation:

H113 - Motorcycle Protection Act

- Increases minimum penalty for running motorcyclist off the road
- In House Transportation Committee

H149 - Terrorism/State Offense

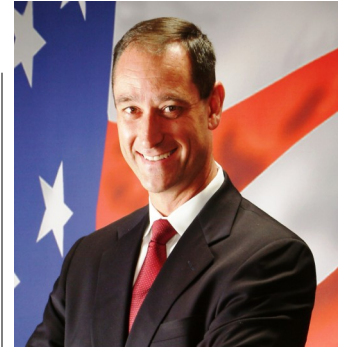
- Establishes terrorism as criminal offense in state statute
- In House Judiciary Committee

H172 - Encourage Veteran Contractors

- Encourages use of veteran contractors in state government
- In Homeland Security, Military, & Veterans Affairs Committee

H188 - Taxpayer Bill of Rights

- Proposes constitutional amendment to limit future state spending Increases



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Budget Update

Governor's Budget Summary:

Governor Perdue proposed a \$19.9B budget on February 17th. Highlights included retaining 3/4 of the one cent temporary sales tax increase of 2009, and reducing the corporate income tax from 6.9% to 4.9%.

Legislative Leaders Guidance:

Senator Berger and Speaker Tillis responded to the Governor's proposal with a \$17.7B plan to balance the budget. Their subcommittee spending target reflect the philosophy of reducing state government spending.

Joint Appropriations:

The various subcommittees of the Joint Appropriations Committee are now in the process of building the FY11-12 budget from the bottom up. Within the next several weeks each subcommittee will submit a report to the Appropriations Committee based upon member input and staff research aimed at meeting the target spending amounts. The Joint Committee will reconcile and revise these subcommittee budgets as necessary and produce a final budget for review by both the House and Senate in order to have a budget in place on July 1, 2011.

Special Section:

- Explanation of the North Carolina General Assembly
- Ric's Voting Record

Links:

Personal Website:

- www.rickillian.com

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<http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/members/viewMember.pl?sChamber=House&nUserID=562>



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**Ric's Voting
Record**

2011 Session

Total Votes — 51

Actual Votes Cast — 51

Members of the **North Carolina General Assembly** are elected for **two year terms**, in the fall election of even numbered years. The 2011 long session began at 1200 Wednesday, January 26th.

During session, each week begins with a floor debate on Monday evening, and ends on Thursday afternoon. Members travel to Raleigh on Monday, and return home on Thursday evening. Occasionally, the General Assembly will convene on the weekend.

Members receive an annual salary of \$13,951, plus a \$559 monthly expense allowance, and a per diem allowance of \$104 per day of session to cover living expenses in Raleigh.

**Constituent Services Summary
(February—2011)**

Constituent Services: 1/26/11 — 2/28/11

Office Visits — 38

Letters — 57

Telephone Calls — 81

E-Mails — 1327

Jan Copeland serves as my Legislative Assistant. Her primary roles include constituent services, clerking appointed committees, inter-office communication and scheduling. Jan coordinates with state agencies and conducts research on behalf of constituents. She also serves as the committee clerk for the Appropriations/Transportation Committee.

Brad Trahan serves as my intern. His primary role is to serve as the committee clerk for the Homeland Security, Military, & Veterans Affairs Committee. However, Brad is also managing my personal legislative agenda this term.

Committees Summary

Education—

- Passed bill to eliminate four mandatory end of grade tests
- Passed bill to enable community colleges to opt out of federal student aid program

Election Law—

- Heard various election law reform initiatives, including voter identification

Homeland Security, Military, & Veteran Affairs—

- Passed a bill requiring NCDOT to post signs for Vietnam Memorial in Onslow County

Judiciary—

- Passed a revision of Castle Doctrine in subcommittee

Transportation—

- Heard Presentation from NCDOT