



# Representative Ric Killian

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## 2010 Short Session

The 2010 North Carolina General Assembly convenes on May 12th, and promises to be another busy and challenging session. The main purpose of the short session is to create a budget for the second year of the biennium.

### **Budget -**

The Governor proposed her 2010-2011 Continuation budget a couple of weeks ago. It's now the responsibility of legislature to create and pass their own version of the budget. The House and Senate alternate beginning this process, and this year it is the Senate's turn to begin. Early indications are that they plan to pass their version in May, and pass it to the House to finish in June. Although this is typically the plan, it rarely happens. However, the dynamics of the upcoming political season may create a sense of urgency and encourage the House and Senate leaders who control the process to pass the budget by June 30th.

### **Bills -**

House rules focus major legislation in the long session and minimize it in the short session. However, it's realistic to expect legislation on topics including ethics reform, Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) reform, video gambling, and a few others. I will continue to pursue a couple of bills I introduced last year that remain eligible in the short session. I will also continue to push to revise the transportation funding equity formula; although the bill I introduced last year was not allowed in committee and therefore is ineligible this year.

### **Summary -**

With continued decreased sales and income tax revenues, 2010 will be another challenging fiscal year. It's too early to know what the final version of the budget will look like. However, I remain committed to fiscal conservative principles and common sense solutions to our everyday challenges.



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## Rep. Killian serves in Iraq

Last month I returned from an Army Reserve deployment to Iraq, where I served as the Chief of Operations for the Engineer Forces on the United States Forces -Iraq staff.

Serving in a combat theatre was a lifetime experience I will never forget. I am fortunate to have had this experience, and am hopeful that those deciding to wage war in the future heed the perspective of those who fought in the past.

I encourage all citizens to remember the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coast guardsmen (and families) serving in harms way in Iraq and Afghanistan.



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### **Links:**

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**Ric's Voting  
Record**

**2009 Session**

**Total Votes—1375**

**Actual Votes Cast—1371**

Members of the **North Carolina General Assembly** are elected for **two year terms**, in the fall election of even numbered years. The **long session** begins in January of odd numbered years, and has no end date. The 2010 short session begins at 1200 Wednesday, May 12th.

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 - (2009/10)**

**1/1/09—4/30/10:**

Office Visits — 33  
Letters — 480  
Telephone Calls — 366  
E-Mails — 2587

**Jan Copeland** is my Legislative Assistant, and only staff member. Her primary roles include constituent services, inter-office communication and scheduling. Jan coordinates with state agencies and research staff on behalf of constituents, and is in constant communication with me regarding constituent issues. She also provides support to the Homeland Security Caucus, and provides assistance preparing and moving legislation through the House and the Senate. Jan's role is especially critical between the long and short session when House members are not in Raleigh.

**Rep. Killian ranks #2  
in Conservative  
Effectiveness in NC  
House**

The Civitas group released its annual conservative effectiveness ratings last fall, and I am proud to have earned a rank of #2(tied with Rep. Cleveland).

Unlike other subjective ratings, Civitas bases their rating from actual votes taken in the preceding session, giving an accurate assessment of their conservative effectiveness.

I will continue to promote and advance a conservative agenda to solve the problems of citizens of North Carolina.

**US Army War  
College**

In addition to serving in Iraq, in 2009 Ric was selected to attend the [U.S. Army War College](#) (Distance Education Program).

**Ric will complete the first year residence course this summer at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.**

**Upon completion in 2011, Ric will receive a Master of Strategic Studies degree.**