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Legislative Update

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Federal Legislative Update

Key players and key issues



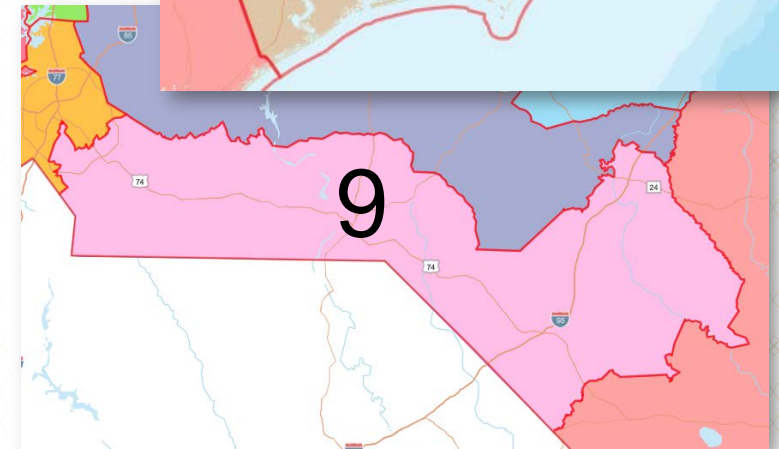
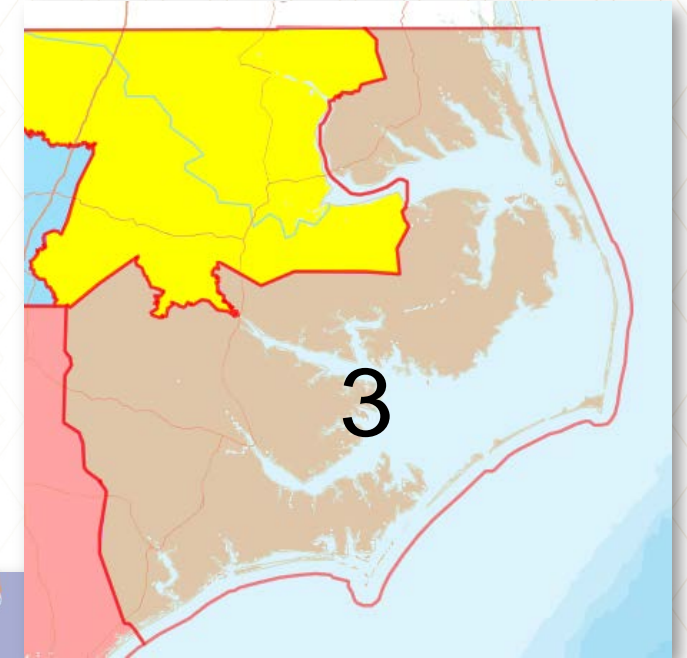
An Influential Delegation

- **Democrats**
 - David Price: Chair, Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee
 - G.K. Butterfield: House Energy and Commerce Committee
- **Republicans**
 - Richard Burr: Chair, Senate Intelligence Committee
 - Patrick McHenry: Republican Leader, House Financial Services Committee
 - Mark Walker: Founder, Republican Study Committee
 - Virginia Foxx: Republican Leader, House Education and Labor Committee
 - Mark Meadows: Chair, House Freedom Caucus
 - Richard Hudson: House Energy and Commerce Committee
 - David Rouzer, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
 - George Holding: House Ways and Means Committee

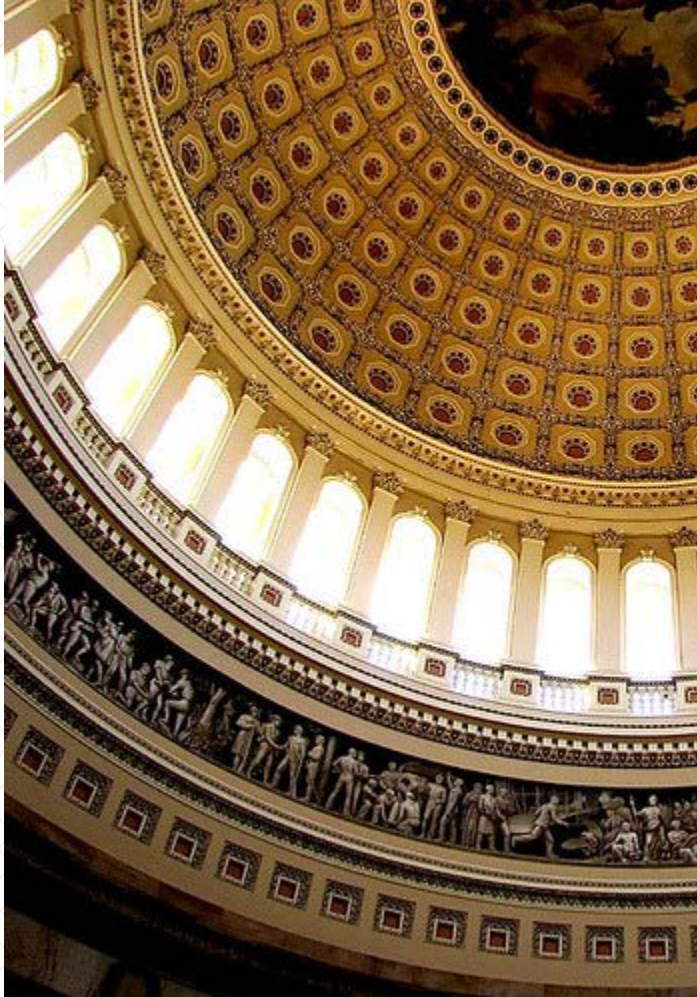


Special Elections

- **US House District 3 (Jones seat)**
 - State Rep. Dr. Greg Murphy won July 9 runoff
 - General election pits Murphy against Democrat Allen Thomas on September 10
 - Winner will be seated in Congress immediately to serve until Jan. 2021
- **US House District 9 (Pittenger seat)**
 - “Battle of the Dans”
 - Entrepreneur and retired Marine officer Dan McCready is the Democratic candidate
 - State Sen. Dan Bishop, a lawyer, is the GOP candidate
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Energy Policy



Senate Approach

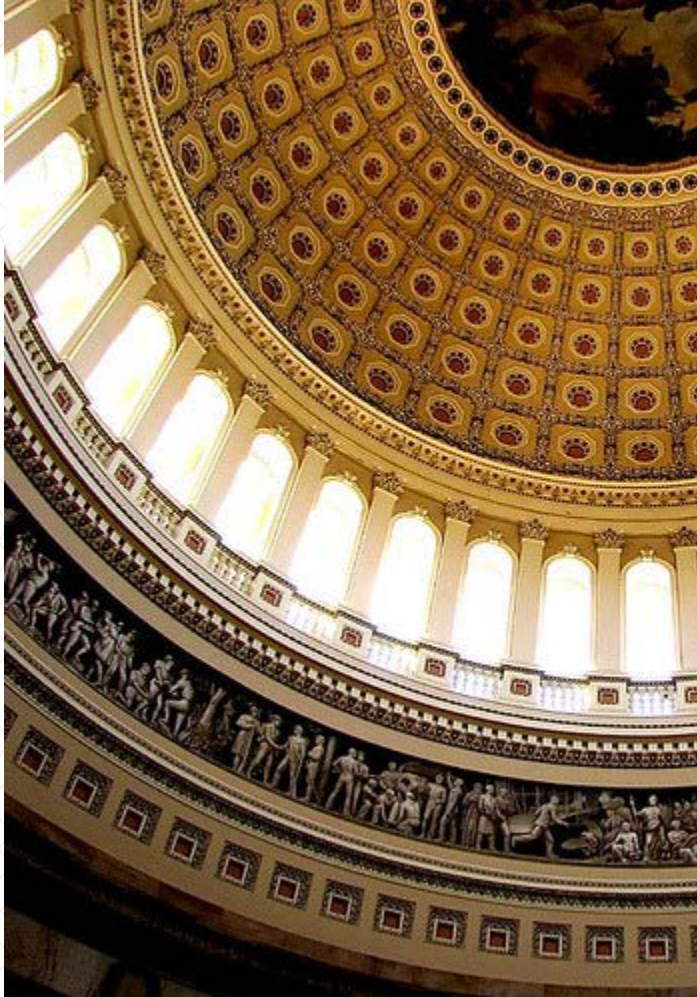
- Senate floor time and political messaging
- Green New Deal vote
- Murkowski (R-AK) continues to press energy legislation

House Approach

- Leadership agenda and climate change
 - Energy and Commerce Dems introduce plan to mandate net-zero GHGs by 2050
 - RES and CES bills – renewable targets and decarbonization (would supersede NC law)



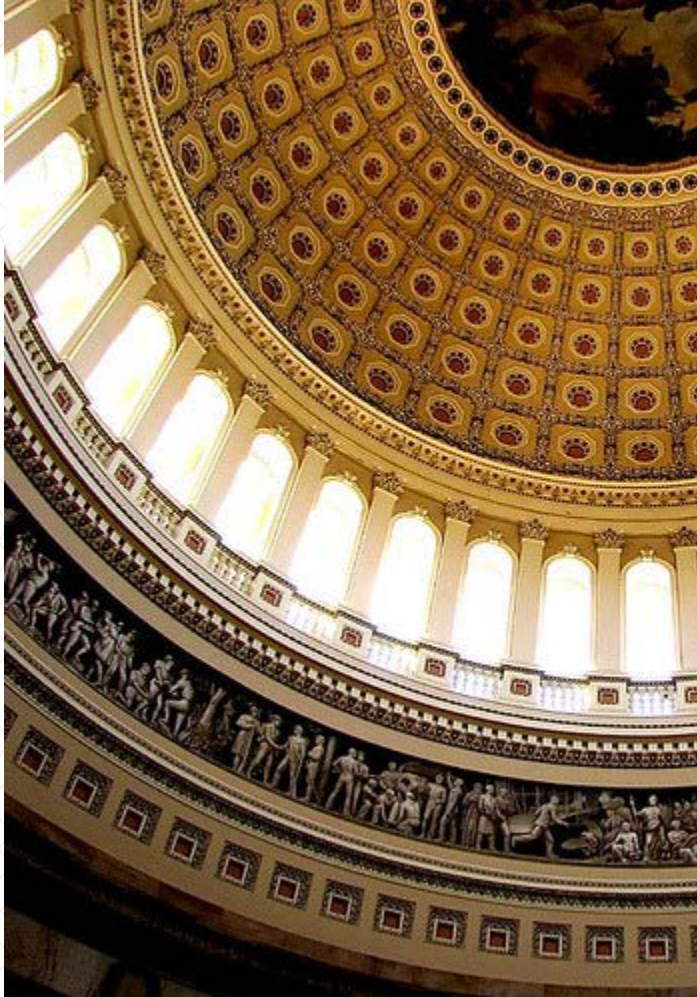
Cybersecurity



- **Continues to be an area of intense scrutiny**
 - Event-driven response risk
 - “Western utility” hacked with grid interruption
 - Key policymakers support FERC/NERC process and maintaining current regulatory construct
- **Many bills and resolutions in Congress on Cybersecurity**



Tax Reform & Budget



- **Budget deal reached July 22**
 - Suspends debt ceiling until July 2021
 - Spending pegged at \$2.7 trillion over two years
 - Federal debt will likely pass 80% of GDP, double the 2010 level
- **Tax extenders**
 - Not part of budget deal
 - Municipal bonds largely held harmless
- **Tax policy and climate change**
 - Cap-and-dividend approach



2020 Congressional Landscape



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State Legislative Update

Divided government: Compromise or gridlock?



Current State Leadership



- Gov. Roy Cooper (D)
- Nash County native
- Served in General Assembly (1987-2001) and as NC Attorney General (2001-2017)



- NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Beasley (D)
- From Fayetteville
- NC Supreme Court has 6-1 Dem. makeup
- 3 seats on 2020 ballot



- Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger (R)
- Lawyer from Eden
- Served in General Assembly since 2001



- Speaker of the House Tim Moore (R)
- Lawyer from Kings Mountain
- Served in General Assembly since 2003



NC General Assembly



Republicans hold both chambers

Senate

- 29 Republicans, 21 Democrats
- 30 votes needed to override veto

House

- 65 Republicans, 55 Democrats
- 72 votes needed to override veto



NC General Assembly

2019 Regular Session (Long Session)



- Budget bill passed June 27
 - \$24.0 billion
 - Raises teacher salaries by 3.5% over two years
 - Most state employees would receive a 2.5% raise each year
- Gov. Cooper vetoed bill on June 28
- State fiscal year began July 1
- No shutdown



NC General Assembly



2019 Regular Session (Long Session)

- House Bill 329 – Renewable Energy Amends
 - Became law July 29
 - Allows resale of electricity
 - Only for EVs
 - Electricity must be from utility
 - Makes clear that utilities can build own charging stations too



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Officer Jason Quick of Lumberton was struck and killed by a motorist while responding to an accident on I-95 in 2018.

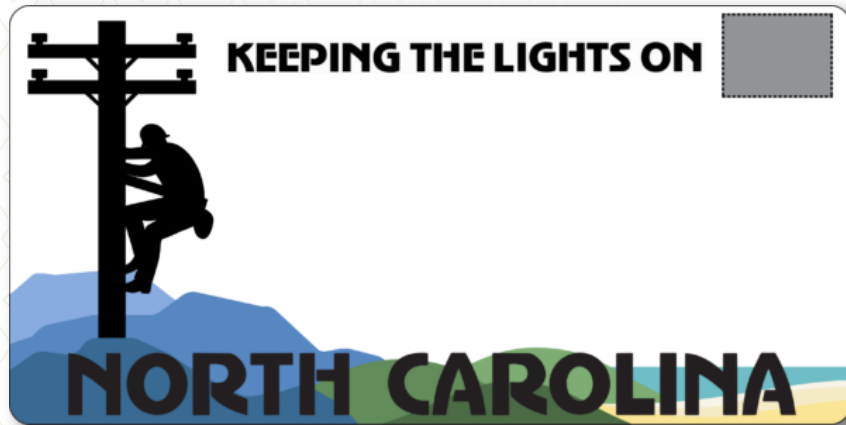
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- S.B. 29 – “Officer Jason Quick Act”
 - Increases penalties for a driver who fails to move over and causes serious injury or death to a law enforcement officer or other public service vehicle operator
 - Includes utility workers
 - Effective Dec. 1, 2019



NC General Assembly

2019 Regular Session (Long Session)



- “Keeping the Lights On” Special Plate
- House Bill 449/Senate Bill 61
- Benefits UNC Jaycee Burn Center
- Fate uncertain



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- Now law
 - S.B. 310 – Rural Broadband
- Pending bills
 - S.B. 68 – Relocation of Water/Sewer Lines
 - S.B. 377 – Military Base Protection Act



The Value of Public Power



- May 29
- Three food trucks from area public power communities Apex and Wake Forest
- Approximately 450 attendees
- Positive feedback from legislators and staff





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