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Sen. Josh Stein (D-Wake) joins host Donna Martinez to discuss the state Democratic Party's 19-stop bus tour to criticize the new state budget. Sen. Stein also weighs in on the constitutional amendment about same-sex marriage that will appear on next year's primary election ballot. Then we get analysis of the Democratic bus tour and of comments by Rep. Bill Faison (D-Orange/Caswell) that lead some to believe he may challenge Gov. Beverly Perdue in the Democratic primary. Joining Martinez for the discussion are Mike Davis, host of N.C.'s Evening News, and Stephanie Hawco, executive producer of the program. They also weigh in on North Carolinians' view of the Tea Party movement, the dropping approval ratings of North Carolina icon Andy Griffith in the wake of his ad supporting President Obama's health insurance mandate, and the latest development in the John Edwards legal case. Then we hear comments from House Speaker Thom Tillis about his recent town hall meetings, the state budget, and the economy. And finally, Daren Bakst of the John Locke Foundation analyzes a recent decision by the N.C. Board of Elections to tell the Town of Chapel Hill to cease giving election candidates "rescue" funds to help fund their campaigns.