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Jeff Shaw of the N.C. Justice Center and Becki Gray of the John Locke Foundation join host Donna Martinez to discuss the budget tug-of-war in Raleigh between Gov. Perdue, Republican budget writers in the legislature, and outside interest groups that are pressuring legislators to fund their programs and services. Shaw and Gray also weigh in on the issues that may play a key role in the 2012 election cycle, such as Charlotte hosting the Democratic National Convention, the redrawing of congressional and legislative districts by Republicans, and the possibility of the ballot containing a constitutional amendment that defines marriage as between one man and one woman, which could fuel turnout on both sides of the political aisle. Then Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory discusses his view of Gov. Perdue's budget proposal and responds to Martinez's question about whether he will challenge Perdue next year.