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It's prison time for a former state legislator! This week, former Republican lawmaker Stephen LaRoque of Kinston heard his fate from a District Court Judge as he was sentenced for using taxpayer funds on himself rather than the nonprofit rural economic development organization he operated. Host Donna Martinez gets details of the sentence and the crime from Carolina Journal Managing Editor Rick Henderson. Then the two discuss the new election filing period, which began this week for fall municipal elections, as well as news that Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton will visit North Carolina for a fundraiser, and polling data that shows Gov

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with a lead over his presumed Democratic gubernatorial opponent Roy Cooper. That's followed by a look at the fascinating Republican primary race that's underway for North Carolina's 2nd

District congressional seat. Incumbent Renee

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has already drawn a challenge from two fellow Republicans who say she was elected as a conservative but isn't governing to those principles. Martinez talks with Jim Duncan, the former head of the Chatham County Republican Party, about why he believes he's a better fit for the district.