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He's gone! Transportation Secretary Tony Tata's resignation has policy wonks debating his legacy and political pundits buzzing about a potential run for U.S

. Congress. You'll hear Tony Tata discuss why he left his job and what could come next for him in light of a big book deal from his publisher. Then host Donna Martinez gets reaction to the Tata departure and the political rumors from Rick Henderson of Carolina Journal, who tells Martinez what he's heard about Tata's desire for a seat in Congress. The two also discuss a potential primary challenge for

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District Democratic Congresswoman Alma Adams, and the political intrigue created on Capital Hill by

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. Congressman Mark Meadows, who has called for the immediate ouster of House Speaker John Boehner. Martinez and Henderson talk about reaction from Meadow's fellow Republicans in the North Carolina delegation and where the lines of loyalty to the Speaker could be drawn. They also look at new fundraising numbers for Wake County Sen. Josh Stein, the Democrat widely rumored to be eyeing a run for Attorney General if and when Roy Cooper makes it official that he will seek the Democratic Party's nomination for governor. Then we hear the fiery rebuke against North Carolina Republicans issued by the Reverend William Barber, head of the

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. NAACP. Barber made his comments at a news conference. That's followed by Martinez's talk with one Democrat who doesn't like that pundits believe the Democrat's gubernatorial nomination is Roy Cooper's if he wants it. Durham attorney Ken Spaulding tells Martinez why he's running for the nomination and how he differs from Cooper. And finally, Martinez and Jane Pinsky

discuss the continuing efforts across the ideological spectrum to change the way North Carolina draws its election districts.

Pinsky's

group, the

N.C

. Coalition for Lobbying and Government Reform, has waged the effort for a decade.