

{audio}files/preroll.mp3;files/Shows/2015/People In Politics/PNP 2015 DECEMBER 12 FINAL SHOW 4650.mp3{/audio}

The national debate over terrorism and gun control comes home to North Carolina. President Obama addressed the nation from the Oval Office Sunday evening, laying out his administration's efforts to fight ISIS and his view that gun control efforts must be part of the fight. On Monday, Gov. Pat McCrory took to the airwaves to respond to the president, saying he failed to address the role of governors and local officials in the fight and calling on the president for more communication. You'll hear some of what both men had to say. By Wednesday, the governor was back in the news that put him squarely in the political spotlight when a fellow Republican filed to challenge McCrory in the March primary election. Former Mooresville state legislator Robert Brawley, who lost his bid for re-election in 2014, said he would focus on education and transportation. In our weekly "From the Campaign Trail" segment, host Donna Martinez gets reaction to the GOP challenge to McCrory from Carolina Journal Managing Editor Rick Henderson. The two also discuss what Democratic gubernatorial candidate Roy Cooper had to say about guns and gun control and how terrorism and national security may turn the focus of the race from jobs and the economy to terrorism and guns. The two also discuss congressional politics and the big endorsement given by a national economics group to Jim Duncan, a Republican challenger to incumbent 2nd District Congresswoman Renee Ellmers. In statewide races, Martinez and Henderson focus on the open seat for state Treasurer. As of press time, three candidates had filed for the seat: two Democrats (Dan Blue III and Ron Elmer) and 1 Republican (Dale Folwell). Then Martinez goes in-depth with Wake County Democrat Ron Elmer about why he wants the job, his qualifications, and the key changes he would make to the state's money management strategy.