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A North Carolina era ends as state Senate President Marc Basnight (D-Dare) announces his resignation from the seat he's held for nearly two decades. The North Carolina News Network's Gurnal Scott looks back on Basnight's career, while Democratic insider Brad Crone and North Carolina News Network News Director Rick Martinez assess Basnight's impact, legacy, and future. Erskine Bowles also weighs in the country's fiscal crisis, while Republican legislators discuss the state's budget gap. That's followed by a look at the new U.S. Congress, which was sworn in this week, and what the new session means for North Carolina's 13-member delegation, including new GOP Rep. Renee Ellmers who defeated Bob Etheridge in November. Then host Donna Martinez is joined by Bob Hall of Democracy North Carolina for a discussion about legislative and congressional redistricting, public financing of election campaigns, and ethics reform. And finally, stategovernmentradio.com's Josh Ellis joins Martinez to discuss the latest legislative rumors and appointments made by the new Republican legislative majority as the GOP prepares to take control in late January.