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Gov. Beverly Perdue used this week's State of the State speech to outline her budget priorities and issue a challenge to the Republican-led state legislature to protect education and jobs. You'll hear excerpts from the governor's remarks and the response from Sen. Phil Berger, the Republican leader in the Senate. WTVD/ABC 11 reporter Steve Daniels joins host Donna Martinez to discuss his reporting on then-state Sen. Perdue's mid-1990s car accident in Raleigh and the subsequent FBI investigation into possible undue influence in Highway Patrol promotions. The investigation was closed with no action taken. Daniels describes what's in the FBI file and the response he received from Gov. Perdue's office. Then the Executive Director of the State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC), Dana Cope, joins Martinez to respond to Gov. Perdue's budget proposal, which would eliminate 10,000 state jobs, roughly 3,000 of which are currently filled. Cope also discusses his group's suggestions for closing the estimated \$2.7 billion budget hole. That's followed by comments from Democratic political consultant Brad Crone about Perdue's re-election prospects and a possible primary challenge, and an update on legal actions involving John Edwards.