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This week a political showdown in Raleigh between Gov. Beverly Perdue, who issued her first veto, and the Republican-led state legislature. Joining host Donna Martinez to discuss the power and policy struggle over the state budget is Rick Martinez, news director for stategovernmentradio.com, the N.C. News Network, and News Radio 680 WPTF in Raleigh. Rick also reacts to comments from Senate President Phil Berger (R-Rockingham) about questions of transparency when it comes to state legislators who access the state health plan, and Rick explains why Gov. Perdue is not expected to veto legislation that exempts the state from the individual mandate in the federal health insurance law. Then we hear from state Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler about his concerns over how Gov. Perdue's proposed budget treats his department. Next is an interview with former Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory, who joins Donna Martinez to discuss his view of the state budget crisis. That's followed by comments from new 2nd District Congresswoman Renee Ellmers on the federal debt ceiling and a potential shutdown of the federal government.