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Political stunner in the 6th Congressional District Republican runoff as newcomer Mark Walker trounces the race favorite, Phil Berger Jr, 60 to 40 percent. Berger had won the initial primary in May. Host Donna Martinez talks with Walker about his win and what he expects to talk about going into the general election. Then Martinez discusses the dynamics of the race with Carolina Journal Managing Editor Rick Henderson. The two also discuss reaction to Walker's win from his Democratic opponent, Laura Fjeld, who on election night lashed out at Walker and called him an "extremist." Also of discussion is the runoff result in the 5th Congressional district, where Democrat Josh Brannon defeated fellow Democrat Gardenia Henley for the opportunity to challenge Republican incumbent Virginia Foxx in the general election. Martinez and Henderson also discuss the debate over debates in the U.S. Senate race. Democratic incumbent Kay Hagan wants very few debates, while her Republican challenger, House Speaker Thom Tillis, is proposing 10. Then we turn our attention to the impending 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling on same-sex marriage. Pastors in North Carolina who oppose gay marriage are concerned that the ruling, which is expected anytime, could imperil North Carolina's constitutional ban on gay marriage. You'll hear comments from Pastor Dave Kistler of the North Carolina Pastor Network. And finally, the National Governors Association has named Gov. Pat McCrory to its Executive Committee, while the Republican Governors Association has released a video of McCrory discussing his priorities for North Carolina. You'll hear the governor in his own words.