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The countdown to primary day has begun. With just five weeks until North Carolinians stream to the polls to cast ballots, the race for the U.S. Senate seat nominations has geared up. Host Donna Martinez talks with Democratic candidate Deborah Ross about her run for the party's nomination, whether or not she will participate in televised debates, her background with the ACLU and her views on national security. Ross has been endorsed by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and faces Ernest Reeves, Kevin Griffin, and Chris Rey in the primary. Then we hear from key presidential candidates following the raucous Iowa caucuses. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders wows his supporters following his razor thin loss to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, while Clinton revs up her crowd after declaring victory. We also hear from the three key Republican finishers: winner Ted Cruz, senator from Texas, entrepreneur Donald Trump, who faded to second place, and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, who outperformed the polls and rode his strong finish out of Iowa and into New Hampshire. That's followed by Martinez' conversation with Catawba College Political Science Professor Michael Bitzer, who offers perspective on Iowa and what's ahead as the candidates make their way to North Carolina.