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A political showdown looms in Raleigh as legislators head back to Raleigh on September 12 to consider a constitutional amendment that would define marriage as between one man and one woman. If passed, voters would have their say on the amendment in November 2012. Alex Miller, Interim Executive Director of Equality NC, makes the case against the amendment, while Bill Brooks of the N.C. Family Policy Council defends the amendment. Then Wake Forest University Political Science Professor John Dinan offers historical perspective on the 30 states that have amended their constitutions as it relates to same sex marriage. That's followed by a discussion with state Sen. David Rouzer (R-Johnston) about his run for the Republican nomination for the 7th district of North Carolina – the seat now held by Democrat Mike McIntyre. Next are comments from Democratic political strategist Gary Pearce about the challenge candidates face when running for office in a down economy. Pearce also assesses President Obama's chances at re-election and analyzes the Republican leadership in the General Assembly. Finally, SGRToday.com's Josh Ellis explains this week's disagreement between Gov. Bev Perdue and state Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler about the governor's denial of a request for a waiver from truck weight regulations as farmers tried to get crops out of the ground as Hurricane Irene approached.