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Charlotte Observer associate editor and columnist Jack Betts and SGRToday.com's Josh Ellis join host Barlow Herget to discuss the Republican legislature's increasing distraction from the efficient, business-like image of the first months of this session. The trio also looks at the status of the jobless benefits bill and the important State Health Plan legislation and how the latter is showing some of the traditional fissures between Senate and House leadership. Proposed radical changes in Medicare from Washington is having repercussions for North Carolina congressmen and women, kicking off early campaign attack ads. Ellis describes another Republican bill to change the state's early voting system.