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The death of Osama bin Laden dominated the news this week, but the North Carolina state House made some big news of its own, adopting its version of the budget bill. Republicans delivered on their promise to reduce state spending. WRAL-TV's capital reporter Laura Leslie and SGRToday.com's own Josh Ellis join host Barlow Herget to review the week's events including details about the House budget bill. It affects more than money matters including transferring campaign finance reporting and lobbying regulation to the state Ethics Commission, curtailing the governor's ability to hire executive branch employees, and abolishing two state trust funds and cutting the Clean Water Trust fund by 90 percent. The panel also discusses Republican Congressman Patrick McHenry's candid remarks about how his fellow Republicans in the General Assembly will gerrymander congressional districts to give Republicans three more seats.