



North Carolina Spirits Association

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The House of Representatives wrapped up its business for the week on Tuesday afternoon, reaching the crossover deadline two days early as leaders sought to leave town for a conference of legislators. The House will now take a break and will not hold any floor votes until next Wednesday, May 15, with votes and committee action expected on May 15 and May 16. The Senate had lengthy calendars on Tuesday and Wednesday as it proceeded toward the crossover deadline. A key Senate leader has also confirmed that the Senate will not have a busy calendar next week, as Senate leaders will be working on their state budget proposal.

The Senate Appropriations subcommittees have begun their work this week on preparing their version of the State budget bill. That process will likely continue for a few more weeks. The Senate Majority Leader, who is a leading budget writer, has been quoted as saying the Senate's goal is to complete the budget process by the end of May. That schedule could result in the full Senate voting on their version of the State budget bill in the days following Memorial Day.

Once the Senate approves its version of the State budget bill, the House and Senate will negotiate over any differences between their two versions and send an agreed-upon version to Governor Roy Cooper for his approval or veto.

The House adjourned on Tuesday and the Senate adjourned on Thursday. The House will reconvene next Wednesday, and the Senate will reconvene on Monday evening.

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