



NC Spirits Association

Legislative Report
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The North Carolina General Assembly returned following a break last week. While movement has resumed on bills originating in the opposite chamber, progress remains slow and cautious, with major issues like immigration, energy, and firearms policy taking center stage. The central question looming over the session is whether the Senate and House can reach a compromise on the budget—specifically, the tax package. The Senate is pushing to accelerate income tax cuts, while the House is leaning toward slowing or halting them altogether. Although budget chairs anticipated meeting this week, those meetings did not occur.

Both chambers still aim to adjourn and/or conclude the work of the policy committees by June 30, though that deadline may slip into early July to accommodate final legislative business. Policy committees are expected to continue for the next two weeks, but the budget stalemate could either stall momentum entirely or—if resolved—trigger a rapid burst of legislative activity. There is also the possibility of breaking for July and August and reconvening in September to continue negotiations on the state budget. What happens is largely dependent on whether or not House and Senate leadership can come to an agreement on the budget.

The legislature adjourned on Thursday and will reconvene on Monday, June 9.

BILL STATUS UPDATES

Senate Bill 257, 2025 Appropriations Act, was not concurred on by the Senate, and a conference committee was appointed to resolve the differences between the House and Senate versions.

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