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North Carolinians in 23 counties went to the polls this week to choose mayors, city council members, county commissioners, and school board members. Host Donna Martinez talks about statewide results with Carolina Journal Managing Editor Rick Henderson. The two also discuss the the N.C. GOP's active interest in November's Charlotte mayoral race, rumors that school boards around the state may start engaging in direct political advocacy, and the plethora of booze-related items on the November ballot. Then Martinez is joined by Matt Bales of the North Carolina Free Enterprise Foundation to hear the results of a confidential survey of lobbyists and business advocates who rated state legislators based on their friendliness, or unfriendliness, to business issues. That's followed by a look at the emerging political presence of North Carolina's Democratic Attorney General Roy Cooper, who recently blasted Republicans and Gov. Pat McCrory before a Buncombe County group of Democratic Party women, and comments from the governor about the need to hire outside legal counsel to defend the state against a federal lawsuit over election reform that Cooper opposes. Next is a look at campaign finance law as the U.S. Supreme Court considers hears arguments over political speech. Then we look at Sen. Kay Hagan's falling approval numbers, and we visit the political showdown over federal government spending and the new health insurance law. You'll hear comments from President Obama, U.S. House Speaker John Boehner, 5th District Republican Congresswoman Virginia Foxx, and 4th District Democratic Congressman David Price.