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Republicans have been very vocal about their plans for the new legislative session, but what about the Democrats? How will they find a way to wield power and influence as the minority party? Host Donna Martinez talks with Democratic political consultant Thomas Mills about the challenge Democrats face, what he expects from the new session, problems with the Democrats' party structure in North Carolina, and why President Obama's State of the Union speech signals a change in conversation about the middle class. Then we hear part of President Obama's State of the Union remarks, as well as some of the Republican response, delivered by newly minted U.S. Senator Joni Ernst of Iowa. That's followed by a look at how the president's ideas and political rhetoric could impact North Carolina's role in the 2016 presidential race. Martinez talks with Rick Henderson of Carolina Journal about our state's earlier primary and why we can expect a parade of presidential candidates through the state this year, leading up to the early 2016 primary season. The two also discuss the latest news about three members of North Carolina's congressional delegation. Rep. Patrick McHenry of the 10th district continues to add powerful committee assignments to his resume, while new 6th District Rep. Mark Walker has made a media list for his lack of personal wealth. And finally, 2nd District Rep. Renee Ellmers continues to confound her fellow Republicans with her positions on bills, this week opposing an abortion bill sponsored by fellow North Carolina Rep. Virginia Foxx.