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This week, you'll hear the words of key players in the escalating controversy over a law that set aside Charlotte's controversial bathroom ordinance. Attorney General Roy Cooper announced that he and his office will not defend the state against a lawsuit filed by the ACLU against action taken by the General Assembly and

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. Cooper, the Democratic nominee for governor, said at a news conference that the law is an embarrassment and discriminatory. Senate Leader Phil Berger promptly called on Cooper to resign his office for failure to execute his duties.

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fired back at Cooper and other critics, defending the law he says is common sense privacy for women and children in public bathrooms, showers and locker rooms. Charlotte's ordinance would have allowed transgendered individuals to use public facilities of the opposite biological gender. That's followed by a look at the state of the gubernatorial race. Host Donna Martinez talks with Public Policy Polling's Tom Jensen, who says

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has now been ahead of Cooper for two months in a row. The two-point lead is still within the margin of error. The two also discuss the tight statewide race for Lt. Governor, where Democrat Linda Coleman leads incumbent Republican Dan Forest. They also discuss the impact of Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump on statewide races. The GOP race has some predicting a contested convention for Republicans this summer in Cleveland. Martinez gets perspective from N.C. State Political Science Professor Andy Taylor, who discusses the possible outcomes and impact on Republicans.