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After a hard-fought battle to reform the state's election law, the General Assembly surprised many when it changed the rules to the requirement that North Carolinians present a photo identification to vote beginning in 2016. A key Senate leader, Bob Rucho of Mecklenburg County, explains why lawmakers revised the law following howls of complaints from Democrats and their allied groups. Then host Donna Martinez gets analysis of the changes from Rick Henderson, managing editor of Carolina Journal. The two also discuss the continuing tug-of-war between

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and the legislature over whether two transportation and infrastructure bonds will be put on the November ballot, and news that Sen. Kay Hagan has finally said she will not seek to challenge Sen. Richard Burr for his Senate seat. They also discuss the power play in Congress that saw North Carolina Congressman Mark Meadows booted from his subcommittee chairmanship over his trade authority vote, which went against House Speaker John Boehner. Then Martinez talks with candidate Heather Grant about her run to be the next state Insurance Commissioner. Grant is a Republican military veteran who previously sought the GOP nomination for

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. Senate. They discuss Grant's background in insurance and views on the Affordable Care Act and the duties of the insurance post. Democrat Wayne Goodwin now holds the job.