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Legislative Report
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The House and Senate on Wednesday approved and sent to Governor Pat McCrory a new temporary budget resolution that runs through the end of August, as chamber leaders said progress is being made in talks on a new spending plan for the 2015-17 biennium. Senator Harry Brown (R-Onslow), the Senate's top budget writer, said the House and Senate were "very close" on agreeing to a final spending figure, possibly as early as this week. Senator Brown said budget subcommittee chairmen are prepared to work through the weekend to decide how that money would be spent. If a number is agreed to Thursday morning, the House and Senate could be voting on a final state budget in a couple of weeks, Brown said. Meanwhile, the continuing budget resolution approved by both chambers continues state spending at last year's levels, with a few exceptions, through August 31. The House approved the resolution 113-2, with two Democrats dissenting, including Rep. Larry Hall (D-Durham), the House minority leader. The Senate vote was 33-9, with mainly Republicans voting no.

Although portions of the Senate's proposed tax reform package was pulled out of the Senate version of the budget and pushed as a separate bill, there is talk that some aspects of the Senate's tax plan, including new sales taxes on services such as veterinary visits, auto repair and pet grooming, may still be part of the budget negotiations. More will be known next week, as budget negotiators for both chambers are expected to agree on the final spending figure by this weekend, which may include some of the Senate's proposed tax reform measures.

The House and Senate adjourned on Thursday and will reconvene on Monday August 17.

BILL STATUS

House Bill 651, Appraisal Bd. Recordkeeping & Bkgrd. Checks, was signed into law by Governor McCrory on August 5. Session Law 2015-200.

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