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Since returning to work on January 25, House and Senate members have filed more than 240 bills. Six bills have passed the House, including proposals to reduce the number of members on the UNC Board of Governors, to revamp the state's savings reserve fund, to place a constitutional amendment before voters limiting the government's use of eminent domain, and to allow school districts greater class size flexibility.

Legislative Democrats unveiled legislative proposals last week and this week that would repeal House Bill 2 while also adding statewide nondiscrimination protections for a variety of groups. Democrats filed bills in both the House and Senate. It is unclear at this point whether the bills will receive a hearing.

Several Republican legislators have introduced legislation to allow handgun owners to be able to carry their weapons concealed without a permit. House Bill 69, the "Constitution Carry Act," would remove the concealed-carry permit requirement for handguns, but not for larger firearms.

This week House Bill 100 was introduced which would restore partisan judicial elections for North Carolina superior and district court judges. The bill was referred to the House Elections and Ethics Law Committee. Also, a bill was introduced to provide for a constitutional amendment to restrict the governor and lieutenant governor to a maximum of two 4-year terms for their lifetime (currently, the limit applies to two consecutive terms).

The House and Senate adjourned on Thursday and will reconvene on Monday afternoon.

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