

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1656

Sponsors: Representatives Rhyne, Tillis, Stam, Folwell (Primary Sponsors); Avila, Barnhart, Blackwell, Blackwood, Blust, Boles, Brown, Brubaker, Burr, Burris-Floyd, Cleveland, Current, Daughtry, Dockham, Dollar, Gillespie, Grady, Guice, Gulley, Holloway, Howard, Hurley, Iler, Ingle, Johnson, Justice, Justus, Killian, Langdon, Lewis, McComas, McCormick, McElraft, McGee, Mills, Moore, Neumann, Randleman, Sager, Samuelson, Setzer, Starnes, Steen, Stevens, West, and Wiley.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

June 22, 2009

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION INVITING GOVERNOR BEVERLY E. PERDUE TO REVISE
2 AND UPDATE HER BUDGET PROPOSAL AND TO COMMENT ON THE
3 PROVISIONS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE BUDGET PLANS SUCH THAT THE
4 GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE INFORMED AS TO WHICH PROVISIONS SHE
5 SUPPORTS AND WHICH PROVISIONS SHE OPPOSES.

6 Whereas, the State is experiencing a recession that has seen unemployment
7 skyrocket, resulting in real hardships for our citizens; and

8 Whereas, the unemployment and poor business conditions have resulted in
9 significant decreases in State revenues; and

10 Whereas, the North Carolina Constitution requires a balanced budget; and

11 Whereas, significant philosophical differences exist in both the general public and
12 the General Assembly as to how to balance the budget; vocal constituents argue for the State to
13 live within its means on the one hand or to raise taxes on the other hand; and

14 Whereas, the Governor presented her budget in March 2009. Since that time
15 revenue projections have changed significantly; and

16 Whereas, the Senate passed its budget bill on April 9, 2009. The Senate plan
17 purports to reduce tax rates including the individual income tax, the corporate income tax, and
18 the sales tax rates by broadening the tax bases; and

19 Whereas, the House passed its budget bill on June 13, 2009. The appropriations
20 contained in the House bill exceeded revenue projections by \$840,000,000. The House
21 balanced its budget with a combination of regressive taxes and taxes that make North Carolina
22 a more expensive place in which to live and work; and

23 Whereas, the approaches to the budget in the House and Senate cannot be easily
24 reconciled as they are fundamentally different and based upon different principles and
25 assumptions; and

26 Whereas, the fiscal year begins July 1, 2009, in less than two weeks; and

27 Whereas, the Governor is the chief executive of the State such that it would be
28 fitting and proper for her to show leadership and engagement in the development and passage
29 of the State budget; Now, therefore,

30 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:



1 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives invites Governor Beverly E. Perdue to
2 revise and update her budget proposal by communicating to the General Assembly the portions
3 of the House budget that she supports and the portions of the House budget that she opposes;
4 further, that she likewise communicate to the General Assembly the portions of the Senate
5 budget that she supports and the portions of the Senate budget that she does not support.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
7 to Governor Beverly E. Perdue.

8 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.