Last week, top budget negotiators were focused on determining target-spending numbers for the various budget subcommittees, which were agreed to late in the week and are broken down at the conclusion of this update. Appropriations subcommittee chairs began working on their respective budgets and are expected to continue in serious form this week.

On Thursday, a third budget continuing resolution (CR) was passed to continue spending at existing levels until September 18, 2015. Once a budget is finalized in negotiations, it would be about 7 days before it is passed in both chambers and sent to the Governor.

Representative Arp has been working fervently on his bond proposal. On Friday, he joined Tim Boyum of Time Warner Cable News’ Capital Tonight to discuss the bonds. You can view his segment here, beginning at the 18-minute mark.

Representative Arp also headlined the EPAC (Engineers Political Action Committee) luncheon on Friday. Ask your fellow PENC members if they attended to hear what a great opportunity it was to meet with Representative Arp and other engineers across North Carolina. And please join us for the next luncheon!

As legislation outside of the budget has mostly been stalled or is currently being worked on and negotiated between small conference committees, PENC remains active working on various issues including long-term transportation funding changes, infrastructure improvement opportunities including the current bond proposal, and regulatory reform, to name a few.

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NCGA Budget Breakdown

Education

Compromise: $12.05 billion
House: $12.15 billion
Senate: $11.87 billion

**Health and Human Services**
Compromise: $5.12 billion
House: $5.28 billion
Senate: $5.07 billion

**Justice and Public Safety**
Compromise: $2.44 billion
House: $2.46 billion
Senate: $2.46 billion

**Natural and economic resources**
Compromise: $372 million
House: $436.5 million
Senate: $380.6 million

**General Government**
Compromise: $425.4 million
House: $450.6 million
Senate: $421.9 million

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NCGA BUDGET UPDATE

State leaders agreed to a spending target for the 2015 fiscal year during breakfast at the Governor’s Mansion on August 19, 2015.

The number agreed upon was

$21.735 BILLION

3.1%

Increase Over Previous Fiscal Year (2014).

EQUALS

3.1%

COMPROMISE EQUALS

(From original targets)

House: 415 MILLION LESS

House proposal: $115 million cut from governor's plan.

Senate: 285 MILLION MORE

Senate increased $285 million above Governor’s $180 million increase.

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