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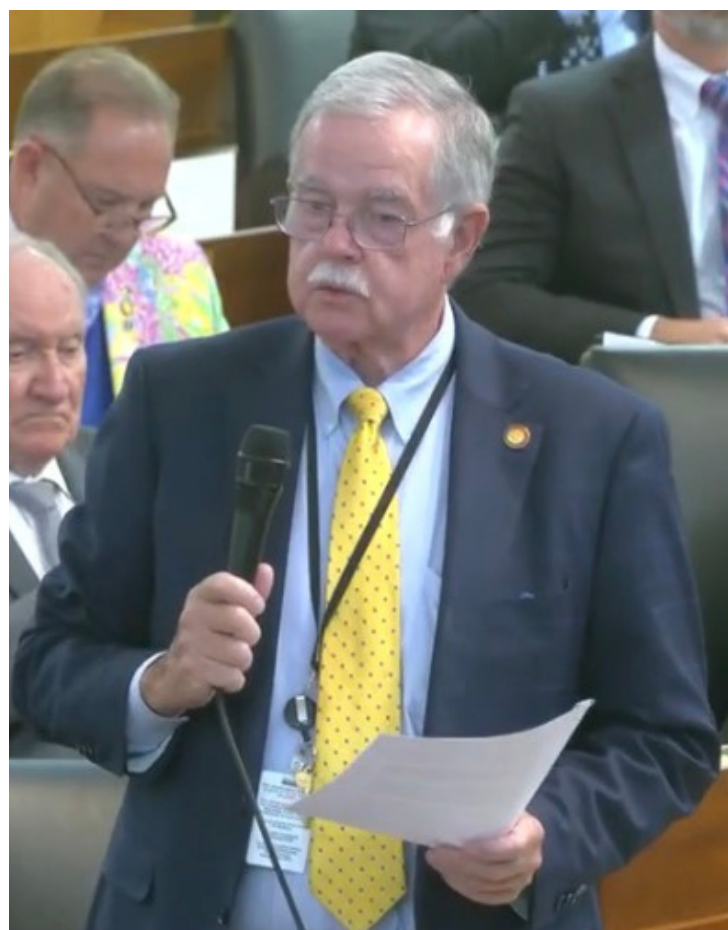


SPEAKER HALL DETAILS HOUSE'S TOP PRIORITIES

House Speaker Destin Hall recently sat down with *Carolina Journal* to discuss the House's top priorities for short session. In the interview, the Speaker highlighted the House's commitment to passing a responsible budget that delivers meaningful raises, advancing real property tax relief through a levy limit constitutional amendment, strengthening public safety across our state, and more.

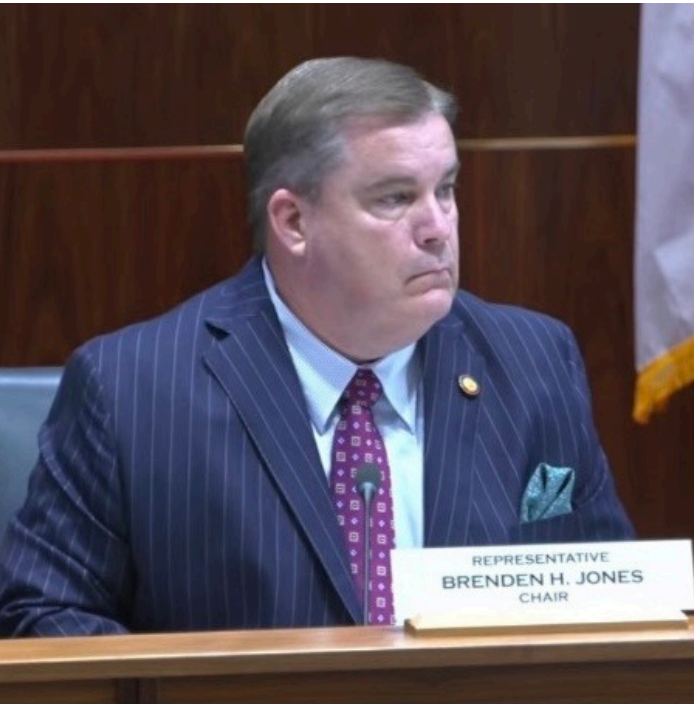
MEDICAID DEAL REACHED

This week, the House and Senate reached a Medicaid funding agreement that invests \$319 million in the state's rebase while reinforcing accountability and responsibility in the program. Speaker Destin Hall said, "After Gov. Stein and his administration let [Medicaid] costs run wild, we're tightening things up by adding common-sense guardrails that cut down on waste, fraud, and abuse." Introduced on the floor by Reps. Potts and Lambeth (pictured), the chamber overwhelmingly approved the measure 112-1 on Wednesday, with Democrat Pricey Harrison casting the lone opposing vote. A final vote in the chamber is expected next week.



OVERSIGHT PRESSES CHCCS ON LAW VIOLATIONS

On Thursday, the **House Oversight Committee** confronted CHCCS Superintendent Rodney Trice over his district's failure to comply with the Parents' Bill of Rights, which restricts age-inappropriate material in NC schools. During the hearing led by Majority Leader Brenden Jones (pictured), **Trice defended** the presence of **explicit material** in elementary school libraries and repeatedly sidestepped lawmakers' questions. In response, Leader Jones introduced the **CHCCS Act**, which would impose penalties for continued violations of the law.



REP. ANNA FERGUSON SWORN INTO OFFICE

Speaker Destin Hall this week swore in **Anna Ferguson** to represent District 119. Rep. Ferguson, the first Cherokee member of the House, was appointed following the passing of Rep. Mike Clampitt last month.



HONORING NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

In recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, Speaker Destin Hall **presented Sabrina Garcia**, a retired law enforcement specialist, with the Marsy's Law for All Distinguished Service Award on Wednesday. Speaker Hall thanked Garcia for her years of steadfast advocacy on behalf of crime victims across NC.

