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Local Groups Visit General Assembly

It's been my pleasure to welcome local groups, such as the Burlington Chamber of Congress, local lobbying groups and city governments. I am always pleased to hear from Alamance citizens and about the issues that face them.

If you would like to visit us at the General Assembly or have an issue that you would like to bring to my attention, please feel free to contact my office!

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Local Bills at the General Assembly

It is a privilege as legislators to work bills that affect our home communities. It has been a good process to work on our bills simultaneously in the House and the Senate. It is rare that local bills are partisan and I've been so pleased to work with the entire Alamance delegation, including Representative Dan Ingle (R) and Senator Tony Foriest (D). There are five bills that pertain to Alamance being considered in the Senate and House. Graham deannexation of a land parcel has cleared the Senate and all House committees, only a hearing and a vote in the House Chamber remains. Two Burlington bills are being presented this session. S 1120/ H 1689 allows for the capability for the city of Burlington to offer local incentives within the municipal district to businesses for development. This is not the same type of incen-

tives that are offered to big businesses at the state level, but rather, do-it-yourself development. S 1121/ H 1688 creates lease provisions in the City of Burlington that allow for long term leases of greater than ten years. It is seldom possible to finance large projects in less than ten years and this bill will allow for such planning. The bill clarifying the Alamance-Orange County line has passed the Senate and is moving in the House. One of Alamance's prized projects, the Family Justice Center, will require electronic filing. Since it is a two-year pilot program, I have included a Special Provision in the budget and it will be included when the final state budget is passed. The concept of our Family Justice Center has drawn great admiration statewide.

The Senate process has



been faster; they completed their budget first and have engaged in committee while the House has been slogging through its budget work. The House is bigger, more unwieldy, and had more current revenue information to work with. But we are getting all our local bills done as quickly as possible and look forward to passing them into law.

Modernization of the NC ABC System

A major rewrite bill (HB 1717) has been introduced that will reshape the North Carolina ABC system and help to modernize standards. The bill is meant to increase oversight and end abuses at local ABC boards. The bill will prohibit local board members from accepting gifts from contractors doing business with their

panel or stores, and instruct them to avoid conflicts of interest that could benefit them financially. It also limits travel expenses and salaries for local board officials and clarifies how boards should set budgets and handling spending. It promotes a higher level of transparency that is necessary at all levels of government and administration. The state ABC

Commission will have the capability to set performance standards and training requirements for local boards and their stores. This is a major undertaking, but all parties are on board for the necessary changes.