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## N.C. House, Senate adjournment planned today

### Last two sessions stretched into October and December

By Scott Mooneyham  
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RALEIGH — House and Senate leaders failed to reach agreement on some key issues Saturday, delaying the adjournment of the General Assembly for at least another day.

Lawmakers still hoped to conclude the 2003 legislative session sometime today or early Monday morning. They were trying to work through differences over a road construction bill, tobacco legislation and a plan to build a cancer hospital.

If the sessions ends as planned, it would mark the first time since 2000 that lawmakers left Raleigh in July.

The last two legislative sessions stretched into October and December.

"I think those long sessions that we've experienced in the past give

rise to a less than positive outlook on our state Legislature," said House Co-Speaker Richard Morgan, R-Moore. "When we can demonstrate to the public that we come to the capital and do our business in a timely fashion ... that may put us on a road toward restoring public confidence."

On Saturday, lawmakers considered roughly three dozen pieces of legislation. After a week of long hours and trying to quickly hammer out final agreements on several bills, tempers were frayed.

More than once during floor debates late Thursday, Friday and Saturday, legislators exchanged harsh words. Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue, the presiding officer in the Senate, at times reminded senators about chamber rules prohibiting disparaging comments about one another.

Typical end-of-session bills governing legislative studies and state commission and board appointments still were being hashed out.

A bill being pushed by Gov. Mike Easley to shift \$700 million in highway money to improve existing roads hit a snag in the House. A Senate version of the bill failed because a provision requiring ferry service to be established between Corolla and Currituck.

The plan would spend the money over two years to resurface roads, add turn lanes on two-lane highways, replace bridges and widen paved shoulders. About \$70 million would go to public transportation, including regional rail and urban transit systems.

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**NORTH CAROLINA** state Rep. Edith Warren, D-Pitt, left, and Rep. Marian McLawhorn, D-Pitt, talk Saturday during the House floor session in Raleigh, where legislators were working toward adjournment.

## REMEMBERING KOREA



Photos by Rhett Butler/The Daily Reflector

**KOREAN WAR** veterans Max Joyner, left, and Roscoe King talk as they read the tombstones in the veterans memorial section at Greenwood Cemetery on Friday.

## Veterans look back at 'Forgotten War'

■ July 27 marks the 50th anniversary of the war's end.

By Stanley B. Chambers Jr.  
The Daily Reflector

By September 1951, Roscoe King had served with the Army's 69th infantry division during World War II and knew what war was like. Max Joyner was a 19-year-old about to experience military conflict for the first time.

The two had grown up together in Greenville and were serving in the National Guard when duty called them to help defend the world from communism in Korea.

July 27 marks the 50th anniversary of that conflict's end. Walking among the bright flowers and marble headstones in the veterans memorial section of Greenwood Cemetery on Friday, both men talked about their experiences in Korea.

By the time they arrived in North Korea, there were no civilians in the already destroyed towns they traveled



**ROScoe KING** holds a medal he received in June 1952 for his service as a gun section chief in the Korean War.

through. Like many Korean War veterans, their memories of the so-called "Forgotten War" remain overshadowed by World War II, and later Vietnam.

"With the Korean War, you just didn't hear much about it when we got home," King said.

Joyner added that there wasn't as much patriotism when they came home as there was after World War II.

"It seems so long ago, I guess if I

associated with people over there, we would have more memories, but we didn't," he said.

The war started when North Korea invaded South Korea on June 25, 1950. Six days later, the first U.S. infantry unit arrived in Korea and began American involvement in the three-year conflict.

On July 27, 1953, the United States, North Korea and China signed a military armistice agreement ending the war. About 36,570 servicemen and women died and 103,284 were injured in Korea, according to the U.S. Korean War Commemoration Committee.

Commemoration events have taken place all over the country since June 25, 2000, and will conclude on Nov. 11. President Bush declared July 27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day in 2002, and events celebrating the armistice signing will take place in the Washington, D.C., area Friday through July 27.

Though no ceremonies are planned

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