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State GOP wants action on auto insurance and legislators' pensions

To emphasize their concern about auto insurance and legislators' pensions, Republicans in the state house are asking that the two issues be declared emergencies.

State Rep. Gene Ward, GOP leader, said today that the issues are of such importance that should be dealt with within the first 20 days of the next legislative session.

The GOP minority went from seven to 21 in the recent election, and Ward is working to emphasize the GOP's independence within the 51-member state house.

"These are things that the state legislature has promised and not delivered. We are asking: are we going to deliver or wait until the voters throw more of us out?" he said.