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Are We There Yet?

The 90-day session has passed us by, with the looming issue yet to be resolved, agreeing on a sustainable budget, we are not there yet!

So far, Senate and House leaders have not yet assigned a conference committee to reconcile disagreements for the budget bills that have passed one body or the other.

It appears we are near deadlock, yet a few committees on the House side are hearing bills that are not “musts” this session.

Bills that folks should be familiar with, that will impact each

and everyone of us; HB 115, Income Tax, and SB 26 Percent of Market Value for the Permanent Fund and HB 111 Oil and Gas Production Taxes.

The House’s solution for funding education to avoid the Senate’s proposed cuts that include 5 percent to the Base Student Allocation statewide came in the form of the income tax in the HB 115.

On a brighter note,

SB 78, the Permanent Fund Lottery bill comes up with an entirely new idea that involves a new revenue stream for education in a multi-layered structure, while providing a raffle drawing.

First, half of the proceeds would go directly to the state’s annual education budget. Second, one quarter of the proceeds would go into an endowment that after reaching \$1 billion, would spin off income to the education budget.

The final one-quarter would be put into an endowment for prize awards, where 20 percent of that fund would be used each year for payouts.

Under the bill’s provisions, Alaskans can dedicate all or part of their Permanent Fund dividend, in \$100 increments, to participate in the raffle and support education.

How Much Would You Be Paying: HB 115

The House Democrat Majority passed a broad-based tax That they believe needs to pass this year to help solve the state's \$2.7 billion budget gap.

The idea of HB 115 is that low-income Alaskans are unreasonably hit by smaller dividends, so the wealthiest individuals and the state's key industry should pay through higher taxes.

The Senate Republican Majority however, have stated repeatedly that they do not believe a broad-based tax on income or sales is

needed, not yet at least. Instead the Senate Republicans call for a Permanent Fund restructure and the third year in a row of significant (\$100 million-plus) spending reductions. Their plan would leave government running at a deficit that is hundreds of millions of greater than the House plan.

Because the Senate Majority expects Alaskans to realize how much the income tax would cost them, the caucus released the Income Tax Bill Calculator.

To view the Estimate of your Income Tax Bill, visit the [Alaska Senate Majority website](#).

Income Tax Bill
This is a simplified calculator that does not take into effect tax liabilities from capital gains or trusts. [More Details](#)

The Senate does not endorse this Income Tax Plan

Do you file taxes singly (1 adult), or jointly (2 adults)?

Choose Filing Status...

What is your Adjusted Gross Income from your Federal Income Tax Form 1040 (2015), line 37 See form

\$

How many dependents (children) do you claim on your Federal Income Taxes

Children/Dependents...

[Estimate Tax Bill Now](#)

Income Tax Estimator



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May Events Calendar

- 2nd:** -Kenai Rotary Luncheon, 12pm at Iditarod Café, Kenai, AK
- Soldotna Chamber Luncheon, 12pm at Froso's Family Dining, Soldotna, AK
- Kenai River Rotary Meeting, 6:30pm at Nikko Gardens Restaurant, Soldotna, AK
- 3rd:** -Joint Kenai/Soldotna Luncheon, 12pm at Kenai Visitor Center
- 5th:** -Cinco De Mayo, 6pm at Funny River Community Center, Soldotna, AK
- 6th:** -Coffee with the Mayor, 9am at Kenai Community Library, Kenai, AK
- Funny River Road Cleanup Day, 9am at Funny River Community Center, Soldotna, AK
- 7th:** Art Exhibit by Ninilchik artis Argent Kvasnikoff, 5pm at Pratt Museum, Homer, AK
- 9th:** -Kenai Rotary Luncheon, 12pm at Iditarod Café, Kenai, AK
- Kenai River Rotary Meeting, 6:30pm at Nikko Gardens Restaurant, Soldotna, AK
- 11th:** -Soldotna Lions Club Meeting, 6pm at Acapulco Mexican Restaurant, Soldotna, AK
- 14th:** -Annual Spring Cleanup Begins, Bags Provided by Local Chamber Commerce
- 16th:** -Kenai Rotary Luncheon, 12pm at Iditarod Café, Kenai, AK
- Kenai River Rotary Meeting, 6:30pm at Nikko Gardens Restaurant, Soldotna, AK
- 23rd:** -Kenai Rotary Luncheon, 12pm at Iditarod Café, Kenai, AK
- Kenai River Rotary Meeting, 6:30 pm at Nikko Gardens Restaurant, Soldotna, AK
- 30th:** -Kenai Rotary Luncheon, 12pm at Iditarod Café, Kenai, AK
- Kenai River Rotary Meeting, 6:30pm at Nikko Gardens Restaurant, Soldotna, AK

A Note from Rep. Knopp

As the 90 day Session has come and gone, and while we are still hard at work, things have started to slow down. Constituent, Lobbyist, and Administration meetings have dwindled down. We are looking at only a handful of bills, with emphasis on the budget. I would have to say my first

session was better then expected. There were ups and downs, disagreements between party lines but I believe we can come together and fix the budget that will effect Alaskans for the better.

I want to say thank you to all my constituents, District 30, who took the time to

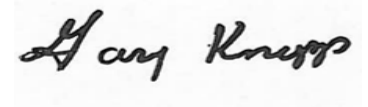
travel to Juneau and come and visit me in my office. I enjoyed our visits and discussions.

As we continue on I promise to keep up the hard work and do what I believe is best for my constituents as well as our Great State of Alaska.



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