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A WEEKLY DIGEST OF ACTIVITY BY THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE AND U.S. CONGRESS FOR ALASKA'S SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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State Employees Warned of Potential Layoffs

Eighteen thousand state workers are officially on notice. All of them received electronic and printed warnings that they may not have a job come July 1. That's because of a stalemate in the Alaska Legislature over adopting a new budget without a long-term fiscal plan in place.

Gov. Bill Walker says he will attempt to assemble a [new package](#) of bills to break the stalemate and introduce it next week. House Speaker Bryce Edgmon says his majority caucus intends to [adopt a budget](#) by the June 16th deadline.

University of Alaska Takes Wait-and-See Approach to Stalemate

The University of Alaska Board of Regents normally has a budget in place by this time, but the political standoff in the Legislature makes that impossible. The school's lobbyist [isn't very optimistic](#) that a month is enough time to resolve differences between the House and Senate.

Making Sense of the Budget Standoff (Analysis)

The state budget standoff in Juneau – with layoff notices and all the rest – is not strictly a confrontation between the House and

Senate about the billions the state plans to spend next year. It's really about the future of the Alaska [Permanent Fund](#).

Oil Tax Bill Heads to Conference Committee

One piece of the budget puzzle is moving into position for negotiations. [House Bill 111](#), which would reduce or eliminate tax credits for oil and gas producers, is now in a House-Senate conference committee. The members are:

Rep. Geran Tarr, D-Anchorage (chair)

Rep. Andy Josephson, D-Anchorage

Rep. Dave Talerico, R-Healy

Sen. Cathy Giessel, R-Anchorage (chair)

Sen. Bert Stedman, R-Sitka

Sen. Donny Olson, D-Golovin

Quotable Quotes

"Time is a weapon used by those who have it against those who don't."

--John Rader, Alaska Senate President, 1977-78

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The mission of AASB is to advocate for children and youth by assisting school boards in providing quality public education, focused on student achievement, through effective local governance.

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