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Senators,

Please see below a statement released today by Senator Leatherman and Ways & Means Chairman Brian White.

Since there will not be a budget conference report to consider, the President *Pro Tempore* is asking Senators not to attend next week as originally scheduled (May 23-24). The plan will be for the Senate to convene at noon on the 23rd and immediately adjourn pursuant to the sine die resolution with no action taken.

The Senate then will reconvene on the next dates authorized in the Sine Die Resolution, which are June 27-28.

Jeff

Senator Hugh Leatherman and Representative Brian White issued the following joint statement:

We have jointly determined that we should postpone further conference committee meetings on H. 4950, the General Appropriations Bill, for the time being. With so many complex issues outstanding we will not have enough time to get a conference report ready for the May 23rd and 24th dates provided for in the Sine Die Resolution.

The differences that the conferees face are numerous and complex. These will take time to analyze them all in depth and to reach a consensus on how to move forward and best serve our people. To meet a Thursday deadline to finish so that a report could be prepared would require shortcuts in research or consideration. We don't think shortcuts on issues as important as those contained in provisos and funding items is wise. We both feel it is more important that we spend the time to ensure we get the right result rather than to rush just to get a result quickly. Our goal now is to have a budget conference report presented to both houses before the next dates authorized in the Sine Die Resolution, which is June 27th.

We and our staff will continue to work diligently to ensure that we have a budget in place in time for the start of the

new fiscal year on July 1st that will serve our state well.

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