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Greeting from Juneau where we are stuck in special session – I wish someone would explain what makes them "special." We're here because there has been only limited progress towards establishing a long-term fiscal plan before leaving Juneau. The Minority's arguments persuaded our colleagues in the Majority and together we passed a plan. I disagree with the particulars of the plan but voted to show support for continuing the process. I am proud of our bipartisan progress.

Meanwhile, our Senate friends were unable to come to any sort of consensus on a longrange plan. Though the House passed bipartisan capital and operating budgets, we refused to transmit the capital budget for final Senate action until it came up with a plan. The Governor then called a special session.

Hopefully this will be over soon. I look forward to seeing you next week.

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