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Greetings from Anchorage, where fall fell hard on the budget vote. After the 83% to 17% shellacking, I worry that the legislature will fail to develop the kind of consensus needed to produce a budget plan. It would be of great help to me if you would offer your analysis of the returns in regards to use of the Permanent Fund earnings – do you interpret the results to mean not this plan, not yet, or never?

In the meantime, the (hopefully) final special session on subsistence begins Wednesday, September 22 at 1 p.m. in Juneau. We will once again seek to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot, and stave off a federal takeover of fisheries management. By my count, we are close to mustering the necessary 27 votes in the House, but I do not believe the Senate will find the 14 votes they need.

Finally, state leaders continue to grapple over how to manage the BP-ARCO merger. A special joint House and Senate legislative committee continues to seek out methods for protecting Alaska's interests.

Locally, on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9 p.m. the Turnagain Community Council is holding a special meeting to discuss airport noise. Airport Director Mort Plumb and his staff will be on hand to answer questions and hear concerns. I may be stuck in subsistence special session but encourage you to attend. The meeting will be held at Turnagain Elementary School.

Many thanks to the many of you who have taken the time to write, call, or drop by this summer – I appreciate hearing from you. If you have questions or concerns please let me know.

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