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News from Juneau

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Greetings from Juneau, where snow and politics are both flurrying.

The big news is Senator Mackie's plan to distribute roughly half the Permanent Fund to Alaskans and reserve the rest for funding government -- each Alaskan would receive \$25,000 (see [www.akrepublicans.org/prmackie101182000.htm](http://www.akrepublicans.org/prmackie101182000.htm) for more information). Needless to say, this proposal has generated considerable debate -- my favorite comments characterize the idea as "Mackie-avellian", "Wackie-Mackie money", and "The biggest party the state has ever had followed by the biggest hangover, with only the real Alaskans sticking around to pick up the tab."

At the least, the plan has put a crimp in the Senate's professed desire to do nothing this session. While I do not expect Mackie's proposal to pass as is, it has jump-started the budget debate.

At the same time, Representative Eric Croft introduced the Corporate Income Tax Reform Act of 2000 (CIRTA for short), which reduces taxes for small businesses and reinstates separate accounting for oil companies (basing tax bills on Alaskan, not global, income). See the legislative Democrats' home page at [www.akdemocrats.org](http://www.akdemocrats.org) for more information.

I'm curious about your reaction and would appreciate your notes and comments. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns I might help with and have a nice weekend.

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