



What's Up in the Legislature

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There is not much more than bad news for the last week unless, of course, you feel that no activity at the state legislature is always good news.

So far there is still no action on the budget that is scheduled for caucus or floor action. There are three conference committees scheduled for Monday June 11, but none of them are related to SB 1446 (payday loans).

At the national level, there is nothing but disaster with only a glimmer of hope. As you know by now, the compromise immigration bill bit the dust when the Senate could only garner 50 votes to shut off discussion.

Senator Jon Kyl voted with the folks to continue debate, saying he wanted everyone to get a chance to give their ideas a chance. At least he voted. Senator John McCain didn't.

The somewhat good news is that Kyl and Senator Ted Kennedy (Mass.) both said there was a chance that they could get the bill back on the floor for discussion. President Bush has said that he will go to the Capitol on Tuesday to see if he can generate some enthusiasm for the compromise. His problem is that of the lame duck and a war so unpopular that most of the Republican presidential candidates are no looking for any endorsements.

This will be the last of the weekly reports for awhile unless, God forbid, our legislature is still in Session in July.

Have a great summer.