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### **House Ds Fail To Muster Votes For Severance Tax Bill, Deficit Gets Bigger**

After caucusing most of Tuesday, House Democrats failed to put together enough votes to pass a modest size tax bill saying they will come back in June to try again.

At nearly the same time, the Majority and Minority Chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee told a PCN call-in show audience the state's deficit is likely to be at least \$1.4 billion, up from \$1.1 billion last month. Revenue numbers for May are likely to again be significantly below expectations.

Both Senators said additional cuts will be necessary to balance the state budget.