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Legislative leaders are working in an atmosphere of a bad economy, no revenue and clearly no leadership from the Governor. Both Senator David Williams and Rep. Greg Stumbo announced today that the Governor's budget is dead. He proposed a budget based on revenue from gaming, which isn't going to happen. One legislative "wag" said the Governor is buying a Rolls Royce and saying he will pay for it with his lottery winnings.

The Revenue Cabinet is meeting in conferences and studying various elements that might go into a total tax reform measure. Two bills have been introduced and are being discussed; but nothing will be happening this year. The legislature is taking the reins in developing a state budget. They will be working on a biennial budget with an eye toward the second year. They are hopeful that the economy will turn around...but no guarantees.

One bill of interest deals with requiring food facilities to post caloric content of foods. Rep. Flood's bill appears to be one that is getting

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“legs” but Sen. Harper Angel has also introduced a companion bill in the Senate. Some hold outs point that such legislation is included in the national health care debate, although no one has seen it. You will want to contact your legislators and urge them to stop this bill. (next page)

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Bills are HB 246 and SB 86. Call 1-800-372-7181 and tell the operator you oppose these bills.

Stay tuned.