

## TENNESSEE GOVERNMENT UPDATE

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Budget negotiations between the House and Senate leadership finally failed yesterday. In a lengthy meeting beginning late yesterday afternoon, the Senate Finance Committee took action on several budget-related bills. The Senate then met in full session beginning after 10:00 p.m. and concluding about midnight. The Senate did not pass any budget-related bills and will reconvene for its last paid legislative day Wednesday, June 2. At issue between the House and Senate is approximately \$150 million that includes several projects and a proposed state employee "bonus." [Chas Sisk at \*The Tennessean\* has details.](#)

The failed negotiation means that it is likely the FY 2011 budget will be resolved in a conference committee beginning, at the earliest, Thursday, June 3. That schedule likely means the 106<sup>th</sup> session of the Tennessee General Assembly will not adjourn until the week of June 7.

[Tom Humphreys with the \*Knoxville News Sentinel\*](#) and [Andy Sher with the \*Chattanooga Times Free Press\*](#) add details to this week's budget maneuvers and other legislative activity.

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