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Greetings
Below I have pasted excerpts from an e-mail update from State Rep. Ben Cannon that summarizes the situation over the next couple of weeks -- hurrying up and waiting:

> The beginning of May is a strange time to be a legislator.
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> On one hand, it feels as though we're stuck in a holding pattern. On the other hand, we're moving forward at breakneck speed.
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> Balancing the 2009-2011 budget represents the biggest, most far-reaching challenge we'll face this session, but right now, it's on the back burner. The reason? Before we can balance the budget, we need to know what we're working with.
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> On May 15th, the legislature's team of economists will release their most up-to-date projections of our state revenues - at that point, we'll be able to begin budget negotiations in earnest.
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> But don't worry - there's plenty to do in the meantime.
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> We're entering the final stretch for policy bills to be heard, voted upon, and sent to the Senate. Yesterday, in a marathon floor session, we debated 26 bills - about 20 more than we do on a typical day.

It is still possible to submit comments regarding the budget. Here is a link to a poll from Speaker Dave Hunt:

http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/survey-intro.zgi?p=WEB2295RY7SM6S

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