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Another week and no sign of budget differences being resolved or even negotiated. Both the House and the Senate had short weeks leaving on Wednesday. The Speaker once again stated that he is willing to stay in session until December in order to override the Governor's veto on [H 966 -2019 Appropriations](#).

No Budget - Legislature Proposes to Reallocate Surplus Revenue

The House and Senate leaders this week announced they want to return much of the \$900 million revenue surplus to the taxpayers. The Senate Finance Committee passed a committee substitute for [H 74 Taxpayer Refund Act](#). The average refund for taxpayers would amount to \$125 for individuals and \$250 for those filing jointly. After passing the Finance Committee, the bill was referred to the Senate Rules Committee. Look for the bill to move to the floor next week.

Divide and Conquer?

Given the lack of progress on negotiating a budget, Speaker Moore and Senator Berger announced they will begin taking up individual appropriation bills and sending them to the Governor.

The Senate actually passed the committee substitute for [H 609 – Salary Increases/Adult Correctional Employees](#) out of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Rules Committee this week. The bill is slated to be on the Senate floor next week.

It will be interesting to see how this piecemeal approach to budgeting will be addressed by the Governor.

We will continue to keep you posted on the activity at the General Assembly.

Stay Tuned!!