

# Allen's conversation with Conoco Phillips Alaska president

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ALLEN: We want to just see if we can't stop this thing, don't we Jim.

BOWLES: Yes sir, if there's any way we can get this thing stopped, that's the best possible outcome.

ALLEN: OK, well I got work, and it's just between me and you, but I got Pete Kott and ... Ben doing it. And, and hopefully they're going to try.

BOWLES: Well Bill, one thing that I think, what we had talked about, is that probably the best outcome for us is to get House to go ahead and gavel out and finish up and get them out of town.

ALLEN: Right, that's what I'm trying to do.

BOWLES: OK, well good. I think we're supportive of that. Because if we can get them out of town, we've got a better chance of, then all we have to do is then work the Senate by themselves.

ALLEN: Right. Uh ... uh ... you know, the, the governor, he's going to try to get, get a goddamn. You know, the, a, uh, the tax, shit, let me slow down. You know like, the 20, I think they're looking, trying to find 22 and a half is what I think the governor's wanting.

BOWLES: Well that's not a good answer.

ALLEN: I know it is. I know it is. ... If we can get it shut down, then he may call another special session real quick.

BOWLES: Well, we can deal with that next. But uh, we told, uh look we met with the governor yesterday and we told him 22 and a half is not a good, good answer to this. No one's going to be happy with 22 and a half.

And ... actually Bill, I think our belief is 23 and a half is better than 22 and a half, because it just, it provides us the basis to say we've just really got a terrible, you know terrible (inaudible) ...