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The Senate Republicans continue to be somewhere other than Salem leaving the Senate two votes short of a quorum to do business on the floor. This has caused a great deal of consternation as we edge towards the midnight June 30 deadline for sine die. While the session can continue with a 3/5 majority vote it hasn’t been done since the beginning of annual sessions in the past 10 years. There is great doubt that the Republicans will return to take that vote or any other.

Key bills at risk include the business activity tax in HB 3427 that also includes the school improvement funds and policies. The political intrigue is in the stack of 100+ bills that need Senate action, is a bill to move any referral to a January 2020 date instead of the usual November 2020 election date. January 2020 will be a low turnout with most Oregonians not focused on politics. If the Senate Republicans do not return to Salem by June 30, this bill will die and will allow HB 3427 to be referred in the usual manner to the usual election which will be in November 2020. If this happens, getting Oregonians to support passage will be very tough to accomplish.

The carbon bill, HB 2020, was declared dead by Sen. President Peter Courtney yesterday. This was a shock to many legislators and to the army of environmental advocates who have been
pushing on this concept for a decade. Some opponents and neutral observers have described the bill as an overreach by the legislative supporters and shows that partisan politics, even with super majorities, is a tough way to run a state. Since it didn’t have a vote we won’t know for sure who wasn’t supportive in the Senate Democratic caucus but we know Sen. Betsy Johnson has been opposed from the start. The other two that factored were Sen. Arnie Roblan and Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson. If all three voted NO the bill would have failed on a 15-14 vote.

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**BY PHONE**

Call the Salishan Resort Group Reservation Department at 1-800-452-2300 between the times of 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and identify yourself as being with ACEC Oregon or the American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon.

**ONLINE**

Booking Link: [ACEC of Oregon 2019](NOTE: The “default” dates for rooms are set to Thurs Sept 19 & Fri Sept 20; our room rates are good for two days before and two days after—adjust dates as necessary for your personal reservation.) Alternatively, guests can go to [https://www.salishan.com](https://www.salishan.com), click on “Menu,” and then click on “Accommodations,” and use Booking Code: ACECOr19.

Our room block will be held until August 22, 2019. Reservations received after 5:00 P.M. local time on the cut-off date will be accepted on space/rate availability basis.

Room rates are based upon single or double occupancy and are quoted exclusive of applicable local tax, currently at 11.8% + a discounted daily resort fee of $19 per room per night. Pet fee is $35 per pet (one-time fee); pets are only accepted in traditional or deluxe guestrooms.

- $209 - Traditional Double Queen Guestroom
- $209 - Traditional King Guestroom
- $229 - Deluxe Guestroom
- $239 - Premier Guestroom

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