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## Lynn Releases Survey Results

(ANCHORAGE) – South Anchorage Representative Bob Lynn is releasing the results of a seven question House District 31 survey on currently proposed changes to the oil tax, and the governor's proposed gas pipeline contract. The survey was mailed to 6,985 (Republican, Democrat, Independent) constituents who voted in the 2004 primary election. Two hundred and fifty five (3.65%) responded to the unscientific survey, as of July 16.

Representative Lynn stated, "I wasn't elected to represent the administration or the oil producers – unless they live in District 31. The survey is important because it expands the input from my constituents. The better the communication, the better the representation."

He added, "Oil tax and gas pipeline issues are still evolving. Survey results alone won't determine my vote on critical issues, but I think the survey provides helpful guidance for whatever compromises may be necessary."

A copy of the questionnaire and a spreadsheet is attached with detailed survey results, including breakdown by party registration. However, the following is indicative of constituent opinions:

### Question 1: What tax should be placed on net oil profits?

Less than 20%:	11.37%
20.0% (governor's proposal):	18.96%
22.5% (House proposal):	26.07%
25%:	21.8 %
More than 25%:	21.8%

### Question 2: Should "progressivity" be applied to the oil tax?

Yes: 75.8 %                      No: 24.2 %

### Question 3: Should there be a "floor" on any oil tax?

Yes: 74.56%                      No: 25.44%

Question 4: Should the oil and gas taxes be locked in for 30 and 45 years?

Yes: 25.86%                      No: 74.14%

Question 5: Should any decisions on oil taxes and the gas pipeline be delayed until we know who the next governor is?

Yes: 42.86%                      No: 57.14%

Question 6: Do you agree with the governor and the oil producers that the “All Alaska” gas pipeline is not economically feasible?

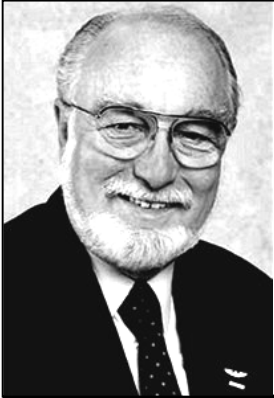
Yes: 55.78%                      No: 44.22%

Question 7: Should the legislature make necessary and prudent compromises on the oil taxes proposals and gas pipeline contract and move forward now?

Yes: 50.46%                      No: 49.54%

Note: In addition to the survey questions, space was provided for individual comments. A very large number of comments came back with the surveys and are in the process of being recorded. Many of the comments were very strongly worded.

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# Rep. Bob Lynn says . . .

*The Better the Communication  
The Better the Representation*

As you know, our legislature is considering changes in oil tax rates, and a proposed contract for the gas pipeline. These are critically important issues on which I will soon have to vote. **That’s why, as your State Representative, I’m asking for your help.**

To cast votes that will best represent our House District 3I , as well as all Alaska, I need to know your position on both the oil tax issue and the gas pipeline proposals. **Please help me by returning the survey below.** Just fold this self-addressed card in thirds, *with the survey inside*, put a 39 cent stamp on the survey, and mail it.

*Thanks!*

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## SURVEY

Almost everyone agrees the current oil tax (ELF) needs to be revised. The governor and oil producers have proposed 20% tax on the net profit from oil production. Consultants hired by the legislature recommend higher tax rates, and many legislators agree. The governor and many legislators claim higher taxes on oil will discourage oil exploration, cause lower long-term oil production, and lower long-term revenue to the state. Considering both the need to stimulate oil production, and to increase revenue from oil to Alaska, what tax on oil profit would most benefit Alaska?

Less than 20 %     20%     22.5%     25%     More than 25%    comment

2. The legislature has proposed various “progressivity oil tax percentages., so that the higher the price of oil, the higher the revenue to the State of Alaska.

YES for progressivity     NO for progressivity    Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

The legislature voted for an oil tax percentage “floor” so that, however low oil prices might fall, the State of Alaska would receive at least some oil tax revenue. The governor and oil producers disagree. What do you think?

YES for oil tax floor     NO for oil tax floor    Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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The governor and the oil producers have proposed that tax on oil be “locked in” for 30 years, and tax on natural gas be “locked in” for 45 years, because “fiscal certainty” will is needed to make building the gas pipeline possible. Do you agree?

YES     NO    Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

We are in the middle of a gubernatorial election. Should any decisions on the oil tax and gas pipeline be delayed until we know who the next governor will be?

YES     NO    Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

The governor, oil producers, and many others, claim the “All Alaska” pipeline to Valdez is not economically feasible, and the highway route through Canada is in the best interest of Alaska. Do you agree?

YES     NO    Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Should the legislature make necessary and prudent compromises on oil taxes and the gas pipeline contract, then move forward now, without delay, to get both oil tax revisions and the gas pipeline started?

YES    NO    Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANKS YOU FOR HELPING ME WITH THIS SURVEY**