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The current 27 1/2 per cent state oil depletion allowance permits companies to recover sometimes as much as 40 times their actual costs. The governor's plan would restrict the allowance to five times the actual cost.

Bagley said he hoped Reagan's program would be approved by the Assembly and sent to the Senate by May 1.

Monagan said it was "imperative" the program be passed by both houses by June 2.

Basically the program calls for the shifting of \$845 million in taxes during its first year so that hard-pressed property taxpayers would get a break. It includes payroll withholding of the state income tax, increases in the sales tax by a penny to six cents on the dollar and

establishment of a \$2.05 statewide property tax for school aid equalization.

As for absenteeism, many key bills were languishing without action because there were not enough lawmakers to cast ballots on them.

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