

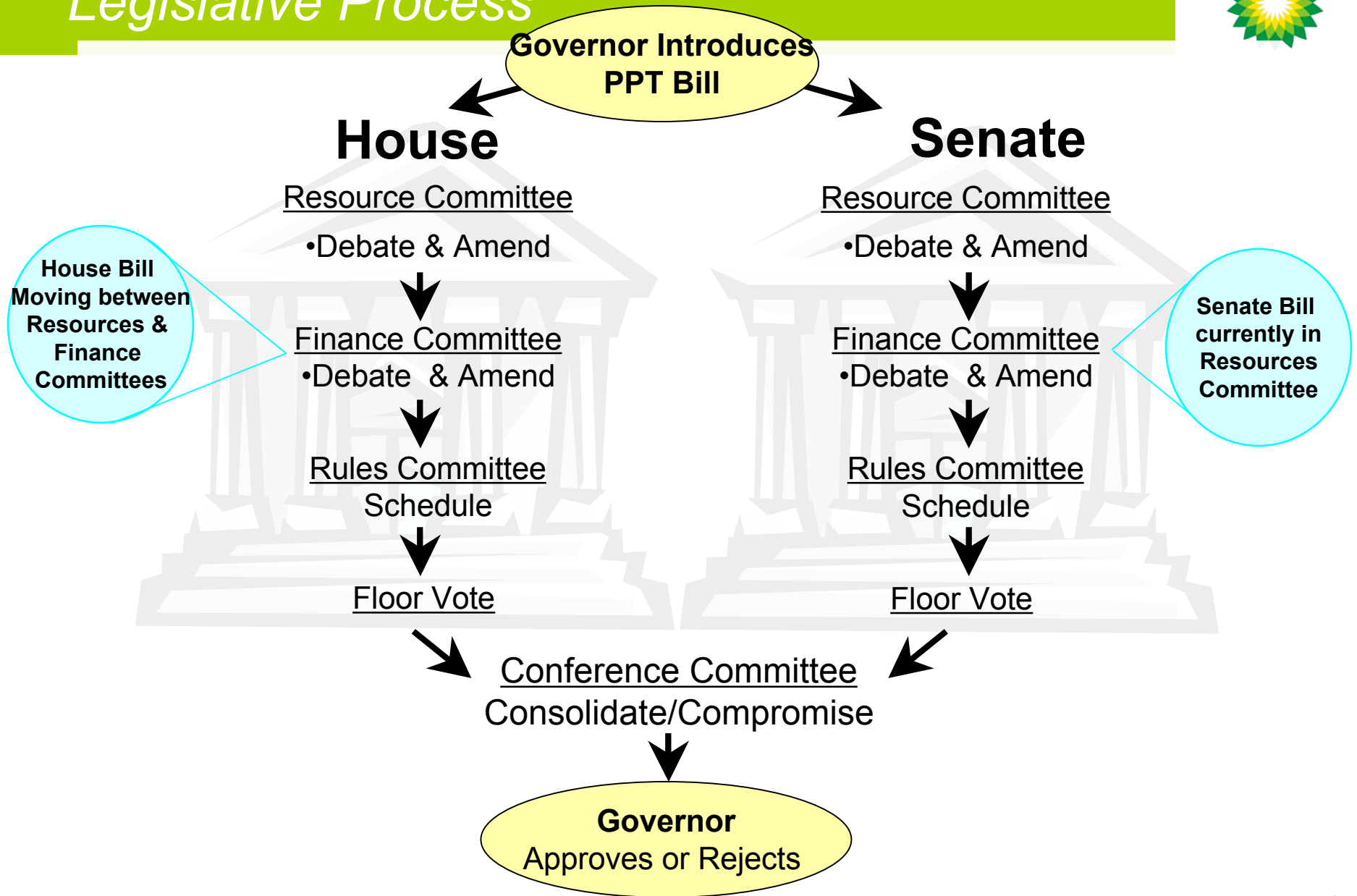


# Petroleum Production Tax

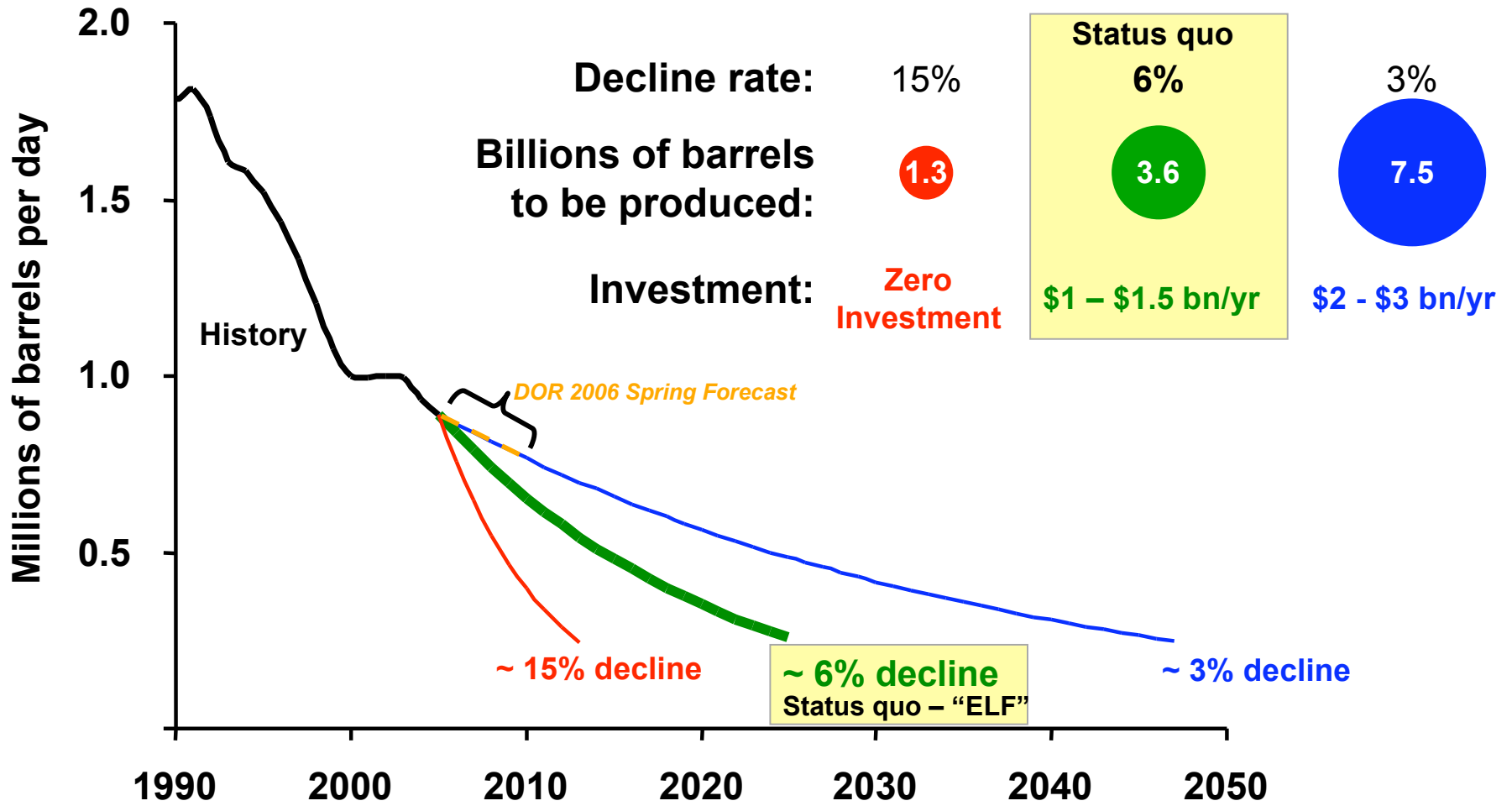
**Update**

**April 2006**

# Alaska PPT Legislative Process



# Investment Offsets Decline



***DOR Spring Forecast cannot be met without significant additional investment  
The vast majority of that investment must be made in existing fields***

# Production Drives Revenue



Decline Rate  
Produced Barrels  
Operating Expenses  
Industry Investment

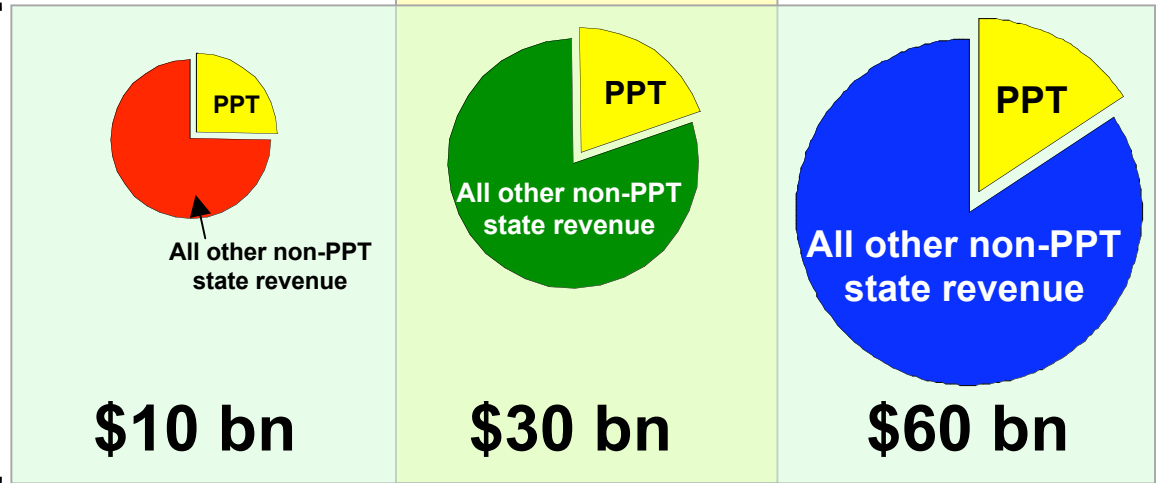
15%  
1.3 bn  
\$30 bn  
\$1 bn

**Status quo**  
**6%**  
3.6 bn  
\$50 bn  
\$20 bn

3%  
7.5 bn  
\$100 bn  
\$60 bn

**State Revenue**  
*(estimate)*

*Assuming  
20/20  
\$40 ANS*



Less investment

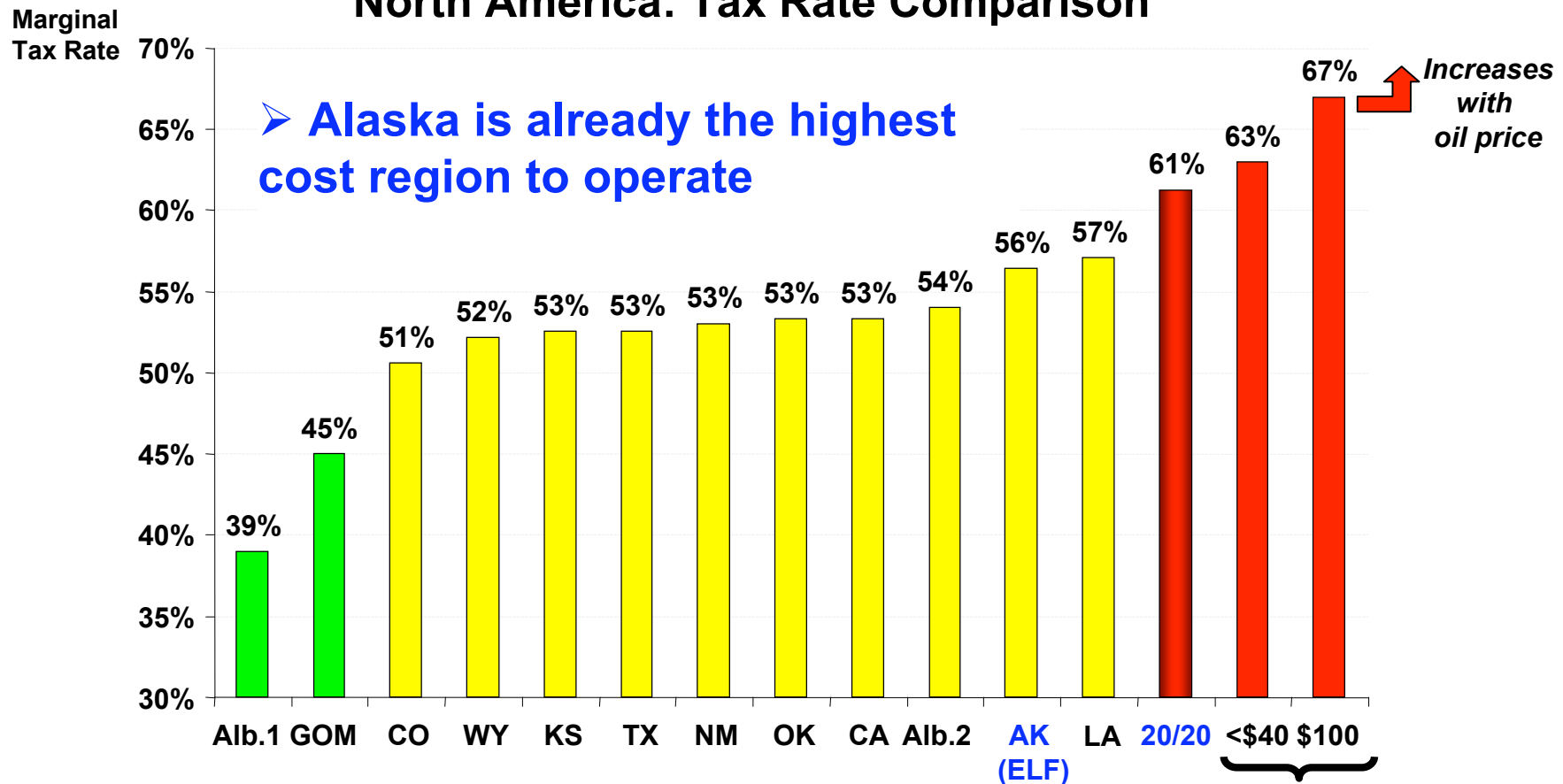
More investment

**Maximizing State Revenue means maximizing Production**

# US Marginal Tax Rates



## North America: Tax Rate Comparison



\*Alb: ALBERTA HEAVY OIL – pre and post-payout

Senate

BP data

# Alaska will have the highest marginal tax rate

# Key Messages



- Alaska has lots of oil & gas but production is declining!  
Decline is our common enemy!
- Significant additional investment is required to stem decline
- Maximizing production will maximize State revenues and benefits to Alaska
- With a 20% tax rate Alaska will have the highest tax rate & the highest cost structure in the US .....(25% is even worse!)
- The bill as drafted will not maximize benefits to Alaskans
- The UK and Alberta have successfully attracted significant investment and increased production by reducing taxes and are thus great role models