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Under Pressure

This morning, CSAC 1st Vice President and Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan joined Governor Jerry Brown and representatives from local law enforcement, education, labor, and the business community to urge approval of the Governor's budget plan. With the constitutional deadline of June 15 only days away, the time for compromise is now.

In comments to the press, the Governor made clear that he is very interested in continuing to work with the group of legislative Republicans on a variety of reforms, but that the tax extensions and "bridge funding" (i.e. taxes beginning July 1 through the special election date) are necessary to put the state's fiscal health back on track.

In response, the "GOP 4" (Senators Berryhill, Cannella, Emmerson, and Harman) released its "demand list" of items they are seeking in a budget agreement, including a spending cap, pension changes, and regulatory reforms. Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg told reporters today that he would ask for approval of a budget on Wednesday that does not include the Governor's tax proposals if Republicans would not agree to bridge funding and tax extensions.

On Friday and Saturday of last week, the Senate moved on a number of budget-related measures, as outlined below. Most of the measures approved by the Senate required only a majority vote of the membership for approval.

2011-12 Budget Revision and Trailer Bills

If start in the	Vote*	Subject	Senate Vote	If start in the
Senate				Assembly
AB 98	21	Budget Bill Jr.	24-15	SB 71
AB 96	21	Adult Day Health Care	24-15	SB 73
AB 102	21	Health Omnibus	24-15	SB 75
AB 104	21	Developmental Services Omnibus	23-14	SB 76
AB 103	27	Revenue and Taxation Omnibus		SB 79
AB 106	21	Human Services Omnibus	24-15	SB 81
AB 112	21	Current-year Budget Act Changes	24-15	SB 89

AB 114	21	Education Omnibus	25-14	SB 85
AB 115	21	Transportation Omnibus	24-15	SB 91
AB 116	21	Public Safety Omnibus		SB 92
AB 119	21	General Government Omnibus	23-15	SB 97
AB 120	21	Resources Omnibus	22-13	SB 95
AB 122	21	Supplemental Appropriations Bill	26-4	SB 99
SCA 1X	27	Public Safety Realignment		ACA 2X
AB 18X	27	Extension of Existing Taxes ("Bridge")		SB 6X
AB 19X	27	Nursing Home Fee	32-2	SB 7X
AB 34X	21	Senior Citizens' Property Tax Assistance	33-0	SB 22X
SB 23X	21	Local Taxing Authority	21-16	

^{*21} votes represents a majority; 27 represents 2/3 vote requirement.

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