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Update on Budget Deal

Word is trickling out of the State Capitol that a Budget deal has indeed been reached by Governor Schwarzenegger and the four legislative leaders pending approval of "very complicated language" and rounding up the necessary votes.

In remarks at the Sacramento Press Club, Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg (D-Sacramento), indicated that there is "an agreed upon framework" to a Budget deal-but no final deal. He expects the Legislature to vote on it "in the next couple of days."

"The term deal, I think, gets overused," he said. "There is no deal. There is no deal until some of the loose ends are worked out, until there is a clear, complete review of very, very complicated language, and until the votes themselves are ready to go."

On the other side of the aisle, Senate Minority Leader Dave Cogdill (R-Modesto) is indicating that a deal has been struck but that Republican votes are not guaranteed.

"My deal, one more time, has always been that I would try my best to get it to a position where I felt it was as good as I could get and I was willing to release my members," Cogdill said in a brief *Sacramento Bee* interview in the hallway outside his office. "That's where I am. So I'm not guaranteeing any votes; it's up to them [his members] to make that decision."

"But I've negotiated it to the point where I think it doesn't get any better," Cogdill said.

Asked if he specifically would support the package, Cogdill hedged, "We're waiting to see all the language and all of that so I'm not ready to commit who the votes will be at this point."

See our *Fiscal Report* article "[Budget Deal Coming Together?](#)" for more details on the framework agreed upon by legislative leaders.

-Terry Anderson and Dave Heckler

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