

Deficit Budget Sent to Governor; Solons Go Home

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 While the final curtain has rung down on our 1965 general session, we Legislators are conscious of the fact that we can still be called back at any time to continue our performance. The gap of close to \$100 million between the total of the budget as we finally passed it, and the anticipated revenues to finance it, could require a quick special session, though legislative leaders are obviously shying away from the possibility.
 A very interesting situation, apparently without parallel in California history, has developed because the \$4.19 billion budget was passed, but no new or increased taxes were approved to keep it in balance. For the first time, the Governor has invited all of us to counsel him as to specific items which could be deleted in an effort to keep the spending and revenue program on a level. As I write this, he is holding a public hearing on a lengthy list of possible reductions and deletions which could affect every function of state government and produce repercussions in every corner,

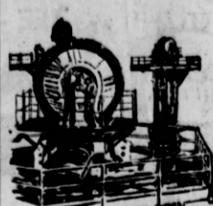
however remote from Sacramento.
 IN HIS LETTER to us, the Governor stated that the budget bill proper is about \$77 million out of balance, and another \$20 million would be added to the deficit by special appropriation bills now on his desk. He bluntly declared that he "will not countenance a \$97 million deficit operation." He asked for our suggestions if we think the proposed budget cuts or bill vetoes are wrong, and there are better ways to reduce the deficit. He added that if a

majority in each house indicate support for a program limited to revenue only, he is ready to call a special session for that purpose before you read this.
 When the Governor announced, in advance of his letter, that he would use the blue pencil ruthlessly in the effort to balance the budget, the Speaker of the Assembly suggested that the out-of-balance budget bill could be signed, and the matter of more revenue could be left to the 1966 budget session without interrupting state service. In his letter, the Governor responded to this by saying that he will not accept "the invitation to fiscal irresponsibility offered by the Speaker."
 THE PRESIDENT Pro-Tem of the Senate held out little hope that a special session limited to revenue would achieve any results. He indicated that the Senate had done the best it could when it cut back the omnibus tax bill passed by the Assembly to contain only a 6 cent per pack increase in the cigarette tax and a tax on leased autos and computers.

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