

Brown vetoes own party's budget

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Gov. Jerry Brown of California on Thursday vetoed the state budget that the Democratic-controlled state Legislature had passed the day before, saying that the proposal merely papered over the state's long-term deficit and added billions in new debt.

The veto means that the governor will have to reopen negotiations with the Legislature to try to get his plan to close a \$10 billion gap approved. In order to pass that plan, which relies on extending some taxes that were set to expire this year, Brown needs votes from two Republicans in each house, support that has so far been elusive.



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Brown, who has railed against budgetary maneuvers that the state has relied on for years to balance its budget, placed the blame on Republicans and commended lawmakers from his party for their "tremendous efforts" to balance the budget, but said that the plan approved Wednesday was not balanced.

He said the budget contained "legally questionable maneuvers, costly borrowing and unrealistic savings," and that it would not meet the state's financial obligations.

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