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## Progress

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There's a long way to go in the 2011-2012 state budget adoption process, but there was an important step in the right direction this week when **legislative leaders announced an agreement to utilize what's called the "conference committee process"** to help us reach a final budget agreement before April 1st. What it means is that the Legislature will convene joint, bipartisan, public negotiating sessions -- and that's good news.