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The House and Senate continued their budget negotiations today, attempting to iron out the remaining differences between the two chambers left unresolved by the various conference subcommittees. Typically, at this stage, the negotiations take place in smaller circle with the House Appropriations Chairman, Representative Carlos Lacasa (R-Miami) and the Senate Appropriations Chairman, Senator Lisa Carlton (R-Osprey) very involved in the details. The goal is to get a conference agreement and the conference report or budget bill on the members' desks by Friday. After the weekend for review, in compliance with the law, which mandates a 72-hour "cooling off" period so legislators can review the budget before voting, the Legislature hopes to return Monday for a final vote on the budget.

Also expected Monday is a final House vote on the corporate income tax "piggyback," legislation, legislation requiring a "fiscal impact" statement on the ballot to accompany a proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution and the Miami-Dade Local Government Reorganization legislation.

Stay tuned to our daily brief and to our web site at www.fbnnet.com as the legislature makes some very important decisions on the state's economy. These decisions will have a major impact on the business community and AIF will be reporting to you everything that happens.

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