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The House and Senate budget conferees continued their meetings today in an effort to come to an agreement on the 2002-03 fiscal year budget.

Word is, another issue has surfaced that is threatening to disrupt what all hoped would be a smooth landing for this Special Session.

Included in the Governor's call, at the request of some south Florida Legislators, is legislation reorganizing the Dade County government entitled the, "Miami-Dade Home Rule Charter." Powerful legislators with districts in the Miami area have differing opinions on this legislation, which, as its name suggests, is a local issue. Unfortunately, this "local issue" is causing discord among these influential legislators and even threatening to boil over into the budget process, as well.

We will keep you posted.

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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