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## Schwarzenegger signs \$145-billion California budget

After months of disputes and \$510 million of vetoes, the governor signs a final budget that spends \$68 million more than last year.

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SACRAMENTO -- After vetoing \$510 million in spending passed by the Legislature, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the state's tardiest budget this morning, allowing more than 80,000 state vendors with outstanding bills to be paid.

The final budget spends \$145 billion, \$68 million more than last year from the main pool of state tax dollars. It sets aside a \$1.7 billion reserve fund in case the state's revenues come up short.

The Department of Finance plans to release details of the governor's line-item vetoes later today.

The state fiscal year began July 1, but disputes between lawmakers about how to erase a \$15.2 billion shortfall led to the longest budget stalemate in modern California history.

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