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Surplus negotiations: Speaker Vos talks timeline, tax relief, and special ed; Assembly Dems release surplus proposal

Assembly Speaker Robin Vos spoke at a WisPolitics luncheon about ongoing negotiations regarding the disposition of the state's surplus. He indicated that while there is no set timeline for a deal, discussions could potentially conclude next month. Vos mentioned he envisions a 50-50 split between new investments and tax relief. In response to the Assembly Democrats' \$1.3 billion proposal to increase school aid and special education reimbursement, Vos remarked it wasn't a serious plan but expressed openness to higher special education funding. He emphasized the necessity for property tax relief in any deal and expressed concern that the agreement should not be excessively broad or resemble a mini-budget. Vos also mentioned Senate Republicans' desires for rebate checks, which the Governor has previously rejected, and reiterated that much remains undecided in the negotiations.