

## Budget Crisis in Minnesota Dodged, Deal Reached

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A budget crisis has been at least temporarily averted in Minnesota. Lawmakers in St. Paul voted on a deal this morning to erase a three billion dollar deficit. No new taxes, which is nice, says Republican state rep, Greg Davids, but not as many cuts as he'd like to see, either. He says he's continually surprised by the spending appetite that lawmakers have in the state's capital. Odd, considering the impending budget shortfalls. Davids says the state's next budget could face a deficit of six billion dollars unless needed cuts to programs are made.