

Gov. Mark Dayton says a Republican offer to drop \$200 million in tax cuts they wanted and spend it on his priorities is a "non-proposal" that gets the two sides no closer to a budget deal that would avert a government shutdown in two weeks.

Republicans made the offer to the Democratic governor Thursday. They say it's a tough move for Republican lawmakers across the board, but Dayton points out it still doesn't move them above a \$34 billion cap for the next two years of state spending they say they won't exceed. Dayton wants another \$1.8 billion to avoid some spending cuts and reductions.

Dayton says he was expecting a more substantive offer and is the most disappointed he's been after months of budget talks with Republicans.