# Evans sees balanced budget

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Gov. John V.Evans said he sees a balanced state budget for the end of the 1982 fiscal year which falls on the last day of this month, as result of drastic expenditure cutbacks the past two months.

He also said it will not be necessary to continue the four-day-a week schedule for the 4,000 state employees paid by the state general fund at the start of the new fiscal year July.

In a Post-Register telephone interview from his state office at Boise, Evans said it is understandable that many of the state employees were unhappy over the 20 percent salary cut.

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"However, they generally were willing to accept this and go the extra mile," said the governor. "I want to emphasize that it is my objective not to continue the four day week next fiscal year."

Evans said the latest revenue figures for the second quarter of April, May and June indicate continuance of a $12 million dollar shortfall. This, he said, will be met by the reductions inaugurated last month for the governmental agencies.

He said he plans to make an announcement Monday of the projected budget defict for the next 12 months.

The governor said he is now hopeful there will be a business upturn in the first quarter of the 1983 fiscal year beginning July 1 to enable normal state operations.

"Despite all these cutbacks," said Evans, "essential state services were maintained in almost every agency."

He said it now appears he will have to withhold almost $4 million from the state allocation to public schools.

Until he receives later revenue figures, Evans said he can't tell specifically what cutbacks will be considered next year if the economy slump continues.

He said, however, he is optimistic in the predictions of his state economists that there will be an economic upturn later in the summer.

As of mid-June, we are still running $12 million behind anticipation," he said.

Evans said he was pleased at the May 25 primary figures which showed him running at top of the Democratic tickets in nearly all counties.

"It looks like we are in great shape on a statewide basis for our campaign," said Evans. "Our party organization is strong and we have campaign committees in all of the larger cities of the state.

"We are going to initiate a vigorous positive campaign, talking about our accomplishments the last four years I have been governor. I think we have had a very efficient state government operation. It has been progressive. Good government is good politics."

He said he had no preference about his Republican opponent prior to the primary, whether it be Lt. Gov. Phil Batt or House Speaker Ralph Olmstead. He said it was obvious Batt would be the winner but added either would be tough and he is gearing for a hard-hitting campaign.

"I'm very optimistic over the outcome of this election from reports I have received from all over the state," he said.

He added he has amassed a $500,000 warchest, some of which was spent for his unopposed primary but which was geared for the November general electon.

Rose Bowman, longtime Democratic worker from Pocatello, is his campaign manager.

Evans said this is the last time he will seek the governor's office.

Evans added he agrees with the western governors at their annual convention last week in Oregon issuing an angry challenge to Congress and the Reagan administration to show they are serious about curing the nation's financial ills. He noted this was a bipartisan stand urging the Reagan administration to do something in halting the downward economy slide.

A key resolution blamed the nation's economic setback on Congress and Reagan.

Evans said he did not attend but instead sent Dan Emborg, director of the Division of Economic and Community Affairs, which has dedicated funds for such purposes.

"We in the west, far removed from the center of population, are suffering most from the high interest rate and tight money policies," said Evans. "When the federal government resolves the money problems and budget deficits then we'll see the states pulling out rapidly from the slump. We are at the end of the pipepline for recovery."