

# 'Unproductive' Legislature Disappoints Gov. Andrus

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Idaho Gov. Cecil D. Andrus in an interview Wednesday expressed keen disappointment in the performance of the 1972 Legislature so far, saying "it has been unproductive to date."

He noted the legislature is in its 37th day, with 23 days more to go.

Andrus said he isn't so concerned the Republican-controlled legislature is not adopting his program but he would like to see any alternatives it has to offer in the matter of financing and executive state reorganization in particular.

"Perhaps it's too early to say whether it is good, bad or indifferent," he said.

The governor expressed hopes that executive reorganization will be placed in effect but insisted the adoption of a constitutional amendment to authorize the revamping is the route that should be taken. This was defeated earlier by the House.

"I think there is a misconception that this legislation should be partisan," said Andrus. "In my State of the State message I pointed out this is not a Republican or Democratic measure."

He said many states have adopted the constitutional amendment route and Vice President Spiro Agnew, when he was Maryland's governor, endorsed the concept.

Andrus said he has seen no alternative to his state executive reorganization plan, adding "if they have a plan I haven't seen it."

The Idaho governor expressed fear that if the legislature doesn't provide enough money he will be forced to order executive cutbacks in the last half of the 1972 fiscal year. He contended his income figures of about \$130 million are accurate, that those announced by some Republican leaders at \$134 million and \$135 million are not correct.

Andrus said the Republican legislature has shown no tendency to decrease the property tax so that increase could be made on the state level.