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**STATE BUDGET CRISIS**

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* The GAVEL FALLS | Sen. Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, left, bangs the gavel to adjourn the conference committee meeting on Wednesday while Rep. Peter Barwis, R-Dover, right, looks on.

* ANGRY REACTION | Protesters shout outside the Senate chamber as Republican legislators inside advance the amended version of Gov. Scott Walker’s budget repair bill.

**GOP’S QUICK MANEUVERS PUSH BILL THROUGH SENATE THOUSANDS STORM BUILDING, YELL ‘GENERAL STRIKE!’**

**REACTION:** Protesters vow to remain in Capitol.

State Journal staff

Thousands of protesters rushed to the state Capitol on Wednesday night, forcing their way through doors, tearing through windows and jamming corridors, as word spread of hastily called special session meetings where Republican leaders would work to pass an amended version of Gov. Scott Walker’s budget repair bill.

Some union leaders interviewed at the Capitol on Wednesday while Rep. Peter Barwis, R-Dover, left, bangs the gavel to adjourn the conference committee meeting on Wednesday while Rep. Peter Barwis, R-Dover, looks on.

**LEGISLATION:** After a 3-week stalemate, Walker’s budget repair bill set for final Assembly vote today.

By MARY SPICUZZA and CLAY BARBOUR

Wisconsin State Journal

In a surprise move Wednesday, Senate Republicans used a series of parliamentary maneuvers to overcome a three-week stalemate with Democrats and pass an amended version of the governor’s controversial budget repair bill.

With a crowd of protesters chanting outside their chamber, Senate approved Gov. Scott Walker’s bill, which would strip most collective bargaining rights from public employees. The new bill removes fiscal elements of the proposal but still cuts collective bargaining and raises employee payments to help balance the state budget. In a statement, Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald said only the Senate’s minority Democrats, who would amount to about an 8 percent pay cut for public workers.

The move gets around a boycott by the Senate’s minority Democrats, who found the state these weeks ago to deny the Senate the 25-member quorum needed to vote on fiscal matters.

After the session, Senate Republicans scattered, leaving no one to explain how they managed to pass legislation that still appears to have some effect on the state budget. In a statement, Senate Minority Leader Scott Fitzgerald said only that he consulted with the Legislature’s attorneys and “voted in tonight’s bill follows the letter of the law.”

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**How the bill was passed**

**Assembly:**

Passed budget repair bill.

**Senate**

Passed new bill Wednesday.

**Conference committee**

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**Democrats:**

Black vote by backers.

**Bill will become law**

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BUDGET: Conservatives respond to their money away from Walker supporters.

CONTACTS: Jones encourages out in to pass new deals before collective bargaining is granted.

WEDBY: College president, college vote are done for the past-tense makes the ears.

WEB EXTRA

Videos: Watch the passage of the budget repair bill and the Capitol protests after the votes.

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**WEATHER**

Wednesday: Mostly sunny. High 55, Low 32.

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**BUSINESS**

President Mark S. Schlissel takes leave for a year to direct a new academic program.

**TAKE FIVE**

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**SPORTS**

**BOOZE & MORE**

Libya’s oil industry hit hard

Pro-Gadhafi forces set oil installations alight as battle rages.
“We saw the complete stripping of long-held rights before our eyes. It was stunning.”

— MARK MILLER, Senate minority leader

“The Senate Democrats have had three weeks to debate this bill and were offered repeated opportunities to come home, which they refused.”

— GOV. SCOTT WALKER

Reaction

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AFL-CIO: “Tonight’s events have demonstrated that we will not sit by and let anything to pass our attorneys goad their attacks. Wisconsin working families.”

After 9 a.m., Wednesday, dozens of protesters gathered outside the locked King Street entrance to the Capitol, chanting “Break down the door!” and “General strike!”

Moments later, police ceded control of the State Street doors and allowed the crowd to surge into the Capitol, joining (thousands who already were gathered in the Qgs-3-10.-42-33 15-426-34 BCG-45-45-34 15-426-34)

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We later published a correction to the March 10, 2011, sidebar headlined “Protesters vow to remain in Capitol.” The mistake was the result of a misunderstanding between the reporter phoning in an update from the chaotic scene and an editor taking his information back at the office. Here it is:

Soglin did not call for boycott

A story on page 1 of the front section March 10 about public reaction to the Legislature's rush to pass a collective bargaining bill mischaracterized remarks by former Mayor Paul Soglin. Soglin urged protesters to express their displeasure to Gov. Scott Walker's supporters, including business executives who gave to the governor's campaign, but he did not call for a boycott of those businesses.