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**House Speaker Steve Crisafulli's Remarks
on Status of Florida's Budget Negotiations**

The House remains willing to have a conversation on the Low Income Pool and is willing to work with the Senate to create a plan for appropriate contingencies should the federal government fail to fund LIP. The discussion on LIP should be separate from Medicaid expansion. There is zero likelihood that the Senate bill in its current form will receive approval from Washington, D.C.

Proponents who believe the federal government will never go back on their promise to fund programs should shudder over the chaos that Washington, D.C. has created. Imagine if we were trying to cash their \$50 billion dollar check, which by the way, is drawn from an account with insufficient funds. We can continue to debate the reasons why Medicaid expansion is wrong for Florida; however, for the sake of our state, we should fulfill our constitutional duty to pass a balanced budget.

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