

1. When Gov. Rick Perry says Texas is open for business, a Republican senator wants to be sure that “open” means transparent as well.

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A. Senator John Carona, R-Dallas, has filed legislation that would transfer the power Governor Rick Perry currently has with regard to the state’s Enterprise and Emerging Technology funds to a committee appointed by elected officials, the Austin American-Statesman reports. “When you are showering tax dollars on private industry,” Carona told the Statesman, “the public has a right to know about every transaction.”

B. “When you are showering tax dollars on private industry, the public has a right to know about every transaction.” -- Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas

C. Senator John Carona, R-Dallas, has “filed legislation that would “loosen Perry’s grip on the state’s Enterprise and Emerging Technology funds,” the Austin-American Statesman reports. Basically, he’s “transferring oversight from the governor to committees appointed by several elected officials.”

D. “When you are showering tax dollars on private industry,” Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, told the Austin American-Statesman, “the public has the right to know about every transaction.” He has filed legislation that would transfer “oversight” from Governor Rick Perry to the “committees appointed by several elected officials.”

2. Gov. Rick Perry, sensing that lawmakers are racing to take money out of the state’s rainy day fund to ease the impact of sweeping spending cuts, said Monday that they should use that money only as a last resort.

After a closed-door meeting with the House Republican Caucus, Perry said he does not think the time has come to tap the fund, where more than \$9 billion is expected to accumulate by the end of the upcoming budget period in 2013. But in doing so, he seemed to soften on his earlier position that lawmakers should not use that money at all. “I specifically asked them to look at all the different options before they would ever come to the point of saying, ‘OK, that is an option,’” Perry said about the rainy day fund. “We’re not there.”

A. According to the Austin American-Statesman, Gov. Rick Perry said he “specifically asked [lawmakers] to look at all the different options before they would ever come to the point of saying, ‘Ok, that is an option.’” He senses that lawmakers are racing to take money cuts out of the state’s rainy day fund to ease the impact of sweeping spending cuts.

B. Gov. Perry senses that lawmakers are racing to take money out of the state's "rainy day fund" and wants to "ease the impact" of sweeping spending cuts. In a closed door meeting with the House Republican Caucus, Perry asked lawmakers to look at all of the "different" options first.

C. According to the Austin American-Statesman, Gov. Rick Perry, who previously resisted using any of the state's \$9 billion rainy day fund, seems to have relaxed his position on the issue. He said Monday in a closed-door meeting with the House Republican Caucus that he "specifically asked [lawmakers] to look at the different options" before making a decision regarding how the rainy day fund should be used.

D. Gov. Rick Perry told the Austin American-Statesman he did not think the time had come to "tap [into the state's \$9 billion rainy day] fund" and that he "specifically asked them to look at all the different options before they would ever come to the point of saying, 'OK, that is an option.'" This happened Monday in a closed-door meeting with the House Republican Caucus.

3. LOS ANGELES - Warner Bros. has fired Charlie Sheen from the hit CBS show "Two and a Half Men."

The move comes after several weeks of very public battling between the actor and CBS, Warner Bros, and "Two and a Half Men" co-creator Chuck Lorre.

In a statement, the studio said, "After careful consideration, Warner Bros Television has terminated Charlie Sheen's services on 'Two and a Half Men' effective immediately."

True/False: The following is an acceptable way to paraphrase the above paragraph. If false, explain your answer.

Several weeks after a raging public battle between actor Charlie Sheen and CBS, Warner Bros., and "Two and a Half Men" co-creator Chuck Lorre, the actor has been fired from his "hit show." The studio said that after careful consideration, "Warner Bros. Television" has fired Charlie Sheen's services on the show "effective" immediately.

False. This is not an acceptable paraphrase because words, such as "hit show," "Warner Bros. Television," and "effective" are all randomly put in quotes. It is not necessary to put words in quotes unless the source phrases something in a particularly powerful, engaging way. That's not the case with the words in quotes in this example.