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Arkansas lawmakers are voicing dissatisfaction with a perceived lack of communication from Gov. Asa Hutchinson. Members of the Arkansas Senate today (Mon) voted down an appropriations bill to fund the governor's team of legislative liaisons through the current fiscal year. On the Senate floor, Republican Sen. Trent Garner of El Dorado said he also plans to vote against other bills coming from the executive branch.

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“...on the sideline.”

Garner spoke about two instances in which legislators were not given advance notice or information of the governor's policy announcements, including COVID-19 restrictions and a task force focusing on policing in the state. The bill failed to garner the 27 votes needed to pass, with eight members voting against, five voting present, and one member absent with leave. The bill will go before lawmakers again tomorrow (Tues) afternoon.