

Session 1

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11/30 (Tues PM/Wed AM)

A special session of the Arkansas Legislature is to begin next Tuesday. Governor Asa Hutchinson made the announcement today (Tues), saying a proclamation will be issued by Friday. The key issue to be considered is a three-part plan to cut the state's income tax rate. Hutchinson said he waited to announce details until he got assurances from the leaders of both chambers.

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Other items to be considered include bills to move restricted reserve funds, appropriate money from the federal American Rescue Plan and make technical corrections to legislation passed earlier this year. While state Senator Jason Rapert has said he plans to introduce a bill for a Texas-style abortion law, Hutchinson said he would rather wait until after the Supreme Court issues an opinion on the issue. Rapert would need two-thirds support from lawmakers to bring the bill up for consideration.