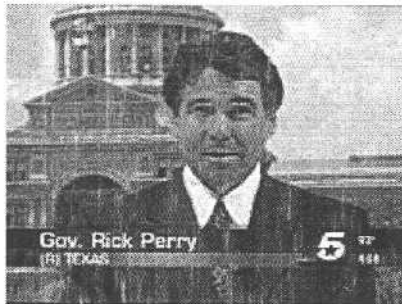


## Special Session Under Way On School Finance

Gov. Rick Perry called lawmakers back to Austin, Texas, for a special legislative session to iron out the school funding plan from top to bottom.

Perry passed on a line-item veto and vetoed the entire proposed plan Saturday. He called for a complete overhaul of state legislation.



"We don't need to fix public schools piecemeal," Perry said. "When you wipe out that entire budget, that puts the focus on getting this done."

Perry said he would propose a compromise plan that would allow for teacher raises and provide property tax relief for homeowners.

The special session marked the fourth attempt for Texas lawmakers to come up with a school finance plan. This session was scheduled to last 30 days.

"There's reason not to be so optimistic given what happened last time, but the reality is we just ran out of time," Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, said.