

Orban: Decision of parliamentary majority is to back budget in form adopted by Gov't

The Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, Ludovic Orban, said on Tuesday that the parliamentary majority backs the draft State Budget Law and the draft State Social Insurance Budget Law for the current year in the form adopted by the Government, and the improvements can be made after six months, at the budget revision.

"We will not support amendments. In order to approve the amendments, they must be supported by all the political parties that make up the governing coalition. But the decision is to back the State Budget Law and the State Social Security Law in the form adopted by the Government. There have been debates, there was the possibility of formulating proposals for improvement from the Coalition and we came to this form that we back, because otherwise there is a risk... You know how it is: when debating the State Budget Law, we must be very careful for the balance not to tilt. There will be a general debate [in Parliament], everyone can present views, amendments, but the decision of the parliamentary majority is to adopt the two laws in the form adopted by the Government," Orban said after the meeting of the joint standing bureaus, which set the timetable for the debate in Parliament on the draft budget for 2021.

According to Orban, the budget is built in such a way as to "set in motion engines of economic development - investments, increasing the absorption of European funds, supporting the private milieu through various programs."

The joint standing bureaus of the two Houses of Parliament decided on Tuesday the schedule for debating the draft state budget law and the state social insurance budget law, deciding that the vote in plenary sitting to be next Tuesday.