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Gov. Phil Murphy and the Legislature’s Democratic leadership recall it all too well, following Pelosi’s advice to enact a \$4.4 billion budget less than 48 hours after the 281-page document was released publicly. Republicans howled in frustration over a process which made a mockery of the governor’s repeated commitment to transparency while providing cover for millions of dollars in politically driven spending in a gubernatorial and legislative election year.

Not surprisingly, Republican gubernatorial candidate Jack Cattarella denounced the issue, led in greater openness in the budget process and as governor would veto any legislation not subject to public scrutiny for at least a week.

Driven into a reservoir of campaign hyperbole, Cattarella said he'd put an end to "backroom deals that disrespect the taxpayers, stiffle free press and embarre