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On Nov. 29, the Legislative Assembly approved the 1992 budget in a 72 to 12 vote. Total spending comes to US\$844.7 million, a US\$221.2 million increase over the 1991 budget. Spending hikes were approved for the following budget categories: defense and public security, US\$115.7 million, a 4.1% increase over 1991; education, US\$116.05 million compared to US\$94.48 million in 1991; health services, US\$66.25 million vs. US\$50.60 million; and, judicial system, US\$22.52 million compared to US\$12.85 million. Deputies representing the Democratic Convergence coalition and the Nationalist Democratic Union party abstained, arguing that a budget increase next year would exacerbate the fiscal deficit. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 11/29/91)

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