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Sébastien Lecornu is urging his opponents to not hold the budget hostage as the debate on a vote of no confidence is underway. The matter has been raised at the behest of the leftwing, the party La France Insoumise and the far right, the party Le Rassemblement National. Party leader of the RN, Marine Le Pen has branded the proposed budget a “museum of horrors” while La France Insoumise's Aurélie Trouvé has called the government a bunch of failures and claims that the suspension of the pension reform is a decoy.

And yet, with the suspension of the pension reform secured, despite the matter of the vote of no confidence being floated today, most of the Parti Socialist is not expected to pursue it any further. The Rassemblement National is also not going to press ahead with it. However, representatives from both parties have taken the floor at the Assemblée Nationale this morning to make clear that not going ahead with the vote today does not equate to either party entering a pact to not potentially pursue a vote of no confidence in future or their putting blind trust in the government.

The trial of Cédric Jubillar is in its final stages today as his defence team make their closing remarks. The counsel for Jubillar, who is accused of murdering his wife Delphine in Tarn in 2020, claims that the investigation only ever pursued a single hypothesis. Yesterday, prosecutors requested a 30-year prison sentence for Cédric Jubillar. The verdict is expected tomorrow.

And finally, to football and the Women's Champions League continues this evening as Paris Saint-Germain play at home to Real Madrid, with a kick-off at 9pm.