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to obviously assume some level of appropriation in that process in determination of cash flow. Certainly some of the problems that we had, well, let me say this, if you have new programs, some of the problems we had in the past with express obligations, for example, would have or could have been avoided at least had this constitutional provision been there. So I think that from every aspect it does not restrict the Legislature's ability in any sense to make adjustments annually if they wish, but it does provide the opportunity for far greater stability, the likelihood at least of stability on a program basis every two years which I am sure would be beneficial from the citizens' as well as the agencies' and the Legislature's point of view. And then secondly the other important aspect I think is that when new programs are established the opportunity to give direction to the scope of that program for more than just a twelve-month period is highly significant if the Legislature's intent in establishing a new program can be effectively carried out. I would hope the bill would be advanced...resolution be advanced.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of LR 1. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The motion is to advance the bill. If you care to vote, please do so. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. Record vote has been asked for, been requested. Senator Haberman, did you request a record vote?

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on pages 388-89 of the Legislative Journal.) 29 ayes, 11 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the resolution.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The resolution advances. While we are in between bills, I have been asked to announce by the Arthritis Foundation that the luncheon this noon has been canceled and they will reschedule it at a later date. Then let me state again that the S & L dinner tonight is as scheduled even though some may be leaving, but if you have told them that you were going to go to it and now decided not to go to it, you should let them know and the number is 341-3070. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, do you have anything?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, very quickly if I may, a new bill, LB 982 offered by the Education Committee. (Read