

SPEAKER NICHOL: It won't be necessary because you were the last one. Senator Warner, would you like to close please?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, let me just merely say that I understand the argument that we are in different times. I would remind you that the state ran for 104 years on biennial budgets including the thirties, and numerous other times of stress, and functioned without any difficulty. Now to say that it would preclude a special session obviously is not true, or that it would encourage special sessions I would suggest is not adequate and it would not be accurate either. In any event it does not preclude annual adjustment if necessary, but to make programmatic changes every twelve, every eight months is the potential, to me is not good policy and I would think that once you work with...I appreciate that I guess there is only one person in this body that has ever worked with biennial budgets but I have. And I will tell you from my point of view in working with both it was much more of a stable operation with a biennial budget programmaticly than what we have now. The odds are you wouldn't have had 28 bills have to be introduced as we did this year twice a year or twice in a session as we have had. But in any event I know it is a programmatic better way to go notwithstanding the fact that as any change there are arguments for and against. I would urge you to advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. A record vote has been asked for. A record vote has been asked for. So please vote if you care to. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 380-81 of the Legislative Journal.) 28 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill advances. LB 351, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, 351 was offered by Senator Harris, I am sorry, by the Retirement Committee. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 17 last year, referred to the Retirement for hearing, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Harris, please.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President and members of the