

that if we were going to reduce budgets, the possibility needed to be there to introduce legislation to eliminate the program potentially or to affect the program, Cash and General Fund budgeting. And with that in mind, when we got back the answer indicating that that approach was within the call, we went ahead and proceeded and I assume LB 29 was there. The Attorney General, receiving additional information which from the time he wrote the opinion, first opinion on LB 29 itself, we had been taking action which was commensurate with the first opinion that I received, that legislation could be processed, that was affected the budget. Now, the only thing that happened with the amendment that we applied is that it's spelled out with language what the numbers themselves implied. It made it clear that if you reduced General Fund and increased Cash Fund, that that was to permit the charging and it was done for that reason. The numbers...the language didn't change it. It just spelled it out because the numbers themselves, there was no other source for that Cash Fund without the legislation so nothing changed with the amendment we put on other than the implied impact which was, I thought, very evident, is further bolstered with the words that say, yes, this is what the numbers say. So I think the Chair is correct and I hope we could proceed with the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President, members, I guess it's probably not appropriate at this time, but I would just say that yesterday we discussed the situation in regard to those counties which have not had their previous audits and we do have the letter from the State Auditor, Johnson, on that subject. So if any of you people would like to have a copy of that letter, well, it is available and I have copies.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, would you like to close on your motion to overrule the Chair?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I think it's important you listen to what Senator Warner said. He said the amendment language didn't do anything, just clarified some stuff. Therefore, if the Attorney General is saying the amendment somehow magically changed the session and brought it within the call, Senator Warner has repudiated that. I believe it was within the call from the first instance just like a lot of other things were that related to the overall legislative