

can you afford two medical schools in the state? As I say, this is the kind of thing you are looking at for the future of this state and the things you are going to have to deal with. So, I am going to print it in the Journal and probably bring it up tomorrow and discuss it a little. At this time, I'd ask unanimous consent to withdraw it. I guess I'd withdraw it without asking consent.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Lynch. (Lynch amendment appears on page 43 of the Journal.)

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Lynch, you have an amendment to LB 1.

SENATOR LYNCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. What I'm going to suggest now is not a specific appropriation request for cutting, but an inclusion in the document that will simply provide that as of January 23, 1987, the Department of Public Institutions and the Department of Social Services shall prepare and submit to the Legislature's Appropriation Committee total model budgets for each of the intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded based upon the Report on the Development of a Medicaid Rate-Setting Methodology for Intermediate Care Facility Services for the Mentally Retarded prepared by the Touche-Ross Company on November 3, 1983, in addition to any budget information which the departments have previously submitted to the Legislature. What I am talking about, everybody and members of the body, is the Touche-Ross report of 1983, which was specifically designed for institutions. Is this working right, or is my voice failing? That is all right. The reason I suggested this is that I've heard an awful lot of talk today, yesterday, Friday, and maybe for the next week the way it is going, about the future. I think it is important that we recognize that this proposal would not mandate that we do anything. But it would certainly make it obvious to all of us about the results and what would happen if, in fact, this report were implemented at the state institution level, and that we more importantly, by this resolution and amendment, have the numbers to prove it. I guess to help me, to make sure I'm not doing this wrong would maybe be to ask Senator Warner a question, if I could, Jerry.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Warner, would you yield to a question by Senator Lynch, please?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.