

hearings, as a matter of fact, on grants that may have a future General Fund impact. What has been found, of course, as we all know federal grant process has changed significantly. Essentially the 895 process was one which could be described as heavy on paper shuffling and incurring the cost, all of which we have repealed in the special session, the authorization for that funding. It was found that an adequate review could be made without the additional funding that was provided in Policy Research. They have no objection to it and all the safeguards that could be envisioned by that process is still sufficiently in place but at least we will avoid the previous expenditure that was designated by statute because of the requirement the way it is. So it is a cost avoidance feature and I move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the advancement of the bill. Senator Lynch, could you help us out a little, please? Thank you. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is advanced. Move on to LB 931.

CLERK: 931, Mr. President, introduced by the Government Committee. (Title read.) Introduced on January 10, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. There are Government Committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is a bill that provoked for all of you, I am sure, a lot of mail early in the session and if you've got your files of correspondence, it's probably a pretty thick sheaf of papers. However, the Government Committee has made some amendments which have reduced the level of controversy quite considerably. The bill was brought to us prior to this session by General Carmona and I think, realistically, at the urging of the executive branch and the Governor's Office. The National Guard Tuition Credit Program has been about a \$700,000 plus program for the last several years and it was begun a number of years ago, about 1972 or so, when Guard strength was down precipitously and we were in danger of losing our federal recognition or certification. Guard strength at the time was about 60 percent.