

shoe store, or we can build a factory under this. And I think perhaps at some point, and I don't think that this is the bill perhaps to do it with, but at some point we need to reevaluate tax increment financing and maybe direct it more toward the primary job creation aspect that I think we are finding we need more of in this state. The problem when you get into that, of course, is then the blighted concept comes in conflict. Do you want to take care of these blighted areas or not? And maybe in those blighted areas retail is the best opportunity and so I guess I am not willing to make any change because of that concern. But I think all of us should recognize that what we had originally thought back in '79 would be the focus of this program hasn't necessarily been that way. NIFA is another example. When we got NIFA, and before that we had a mortgage fund, we thought we were doing some economic development, and, in fact, a lot of that money in programs went into retail operations that competed with homegrown businesses and a lot of people have become upset over that program not really creating jobs in the primary sector of our economy. And so for all these reasons, focusing and targeting and trying to better understand what it is that we want to do with our state's economy, I am just suggesting that some point down the line this issue needs to be addressed, but I don't have the answer and I think the bill, as it's amended, is a good piece of legislation. I would urge its adoption and advancement.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Wesely. There are no other lights on. I would presume that that constitutes the closing. Before asking the Legislature to proceed to a vote on the advancement, may I take a moment to introduce some very special guests of Secretary of State Allen Beermann. At the rear of the Chamber, the Legislative Chamber, please, a warm legislative welcome for Adolfo and Olga Bacardi of San Juan, Puerto Rico. We are delighted that you folks were able to visit with us today. Come back. I now propose the question to the body, the advancement of LR 11CA. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the advancement. Please vote if you care to. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LR 11.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LR 11 is advanced. Special request. Those members who are in their offices, perhaps, might want to return to the Chamber to continue processing some of the bills on General File. We are running just a little bit short. Need