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but they don't want to deal with it today but rather rush to judgment, make the mistake now, see who gets hurt by it and then later try to make some ramifications. Senator Schmit's amendment that says March 1, 1989, well, you know there will be a public hearing next year, the bill may or may not get out of committee, but in the meantime, what happens? When you have two attorneys say Senator Smith brings up legitimate arguments why this bill should not be advanced today but are afraid to confront those arguments today, that has to say something to you and I admire Senator Smith for getting up and saying, I'm not an attorney but I'm smart enough to know this is not a perfect bill and it has many problems, and I hope that those of you who are listening now will remember Senator Smith tried to get us to consider the right thing to do, as Senator Vard Johnson frequently says.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And the right thing to do is not to advance this bill today but to take up the problems that it is going to create for your cities and your counties and your school boards and all the other political subdivisions across the state. We will reap what we sow here today and God knows even the attorneys don't know what's going to happen if you advance the bill without considering the ramifications to the political subdivisions to which all of us belong and we represent. So I would urge you to think twice, don't advance the bill today and maybe tomorrow they could bring it up for reconsideration when they have some of the answers to the problems that they don't have the answers to today. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Your welcome. The question is the advancement of the bill. I think we'll go to the board for this. All those in favor of advancing the bill vote aye, opposed nay. Machine vote, yes. Record vote, machine vote, record vote. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read as found on pages 2041-42 of the Legislative Journal.) 28 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President. Mr. President, new resolutions. (Read introduction of LR 430 and LR 431. See pages 2042-43 of