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said let's get the government off of the backs of the people. Let's restore the private sector the power or the right to handle more of their problems instead of allowing the government to intervene. Give the people a tax cut so that they will have an incentive to go back to work and be more productive and let's balance the budget, let's balance the federal budget before it is too late. I believe that the federal government is at the crossroads and is near financial collapse but I believe that we can turn it around if we put our shoulder to the wheel. They also said that revenue sharing to the states will be cut approximately twenty-five percent, most categorical grants would be consolidated into block grants for the states. This would reduce the federal administrative and regulatory burden of the numerous special purpose programs. I feel that this would increase the flexibility to the states and to the local governments to decide how to distribute this money to the various people or to the various programs. I am convinced that this approach will work and it will save us a lot of tax dollars. The President's fiscal year 1982 budget specifically protects the safety net of public aid programs for the truly needy so I do not feel that we are hurting those that really need it. All we want to do is take it away from the freeloaders. I move for the adoption of this resolution.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: There is a motion on the desk and the Clerk will read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers moves that LR 79 be referred to a committee of the Legislature for a public hearing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is a portentous step which is being attempted here this morning, and I think since it is trying to establish a legislative policy which will impact on large numbers of the population of this state, there should be a public hearing to allow the people to say how they feel about this run toward oblivion. Do you know why I call it a run toward oblivion? Because there are people misperceiving what happened in Reagan's election just as they misperceived the public mood on that Proposition 13 in California that caused the Legislature in haste to impose a lid law which it has been tried every way since then to run around, to weaken or to abolish. It is a mistake for the Legislature as a group which is supposed to represent all of the people