

October 2, 1992 LB 1, 29
 LR 6

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 183 of the Legislative Journal.) 37 ayes, 9 nays, 2 present and not voting, 1 excused and not voting, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 29 passes. That completes Final Reading. We'll now proceed with Item 6 on the agenda, legislative resolutions. LR 6.

CLERK: Madam President, LR 6 was introduced by the Study Committee 393. It's found on page 149 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members. We're distributing for you, I hope, the report from the Medicaid...the preliminary report from the Medicaid Task Force, which was finalized in terms of its preliminary form last Tuesday. I'll try to, as soon as we get copies, go over that for you as well as, I'm sure, the other members of the task force. But in agreeing to this preliminary report, we talked about preliminary recommendations, and they include a number of things. And one of those include the concept of moving toward a managed care system for Medicaid, to try and save money and to reduce the cost of the program. The different reviews that we've done, the different examinations...issues that we have looked at indicate there's money to be saved in the Medicaid system. The system itself has many different flaws that increase the costs, that we can put in place reasonable controls on that system that will continue to provide services, medical services for the recipients of Medicaid, and at the same time get a handle on the problem and start to reduce the cost factors. I think we're all aware of the Medicaid problem that we are trying to struggle with. If you look at the fiscal note on LB 1, you'll see that for all the good efforts that we are making to reduce costs here in state government, the fact is that we end up virtually having almost as much as we cut reintroduced into the budget through Medicaid deficit increases. That there's 29 million more expected to be spent in this fiscal year, and then on top of that 20 more in '93-94, then 20 more on top of that in '94-95. So that if you look at the...when you get the materials that are going to be passed out, last year we spent 125 million on Medicaid, in '94-95, the end of the next biennial budget, we'll be spending 232 million. In other words, it's over \$100 million increase we're going to go through in a 3-year time frame. So,