

one of them, but if we can't do this, what can we do? People are watching and we have to be...to demonstrate that we are willing to grab the reins, to take control of government, and to make it be what we need it to be, both in accountability and in efficiency. The only reason to vote against LR 41CA is to accept the status quo, and it is not the status quo of 1996, and it's not the status quo of 1960. It is the status quo of 1906. Everyone that's here knows that this is an agency that for years has been looking for something to do, and we have not seen fit to give additional authority in this body. All I'm asking for today is for you to keep this bill alive because there is a program evaluation coming out, and I have no idea what's included in that program evaluation, but I believe that it will include recommendations that would say that we need to do some things, to do restructuring. We need to be in the best position to do that. There is going to be continued, I believe, media attention to the efficiency, and effectiveness, and accountability of this agency, and I don't want to have in two weeks or a month someone say, gee, I wish I had known this, I might have voted differently. I don't want to say I told you so. I have tried to keep this argument purely philosophical and inside this body, about the philosophy of whether we should be in the best position, the very best position to meet the needs that I believe that our...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...constituents are telling us. I don't want to have to wait for some other wide-eyed reformer in the year 2070 to pick up our program evaluation, as I did the 1960 Program Evaluation, and say, gee, we should be able to do something about this. Maybe we need to deal with this. People are watching. The constituents are watching for a signal that we are able to do what we need to do in terms of cutting the size of government, making it more efficient and accountable. If we can't do this, what can we do?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Brown. The question before you is the advancement of LR 41CA. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: A call of the house and a roll call vote, please.