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The following Assembly Journal printed for introduction of the Governor's Budget in compliance with Article IV, Sec. 12(c) of the Constitution.

INTRODUCTION OF ASSEMBLY BILLS

The following bill was introduced:

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 135—Ducheny. An act making appropriations for the support of the government of the State of California and for several public purposes in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of California, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following Budget Message from the Governor was received and ordered printed in the Journal:

Governor's Office, Sacramento
January 8, 1999

To the Senate and the Assembly of the California Legislature:

I submit for your consideration the Governor's Budget for 1999–00.

During the past decade the people of California have demonstrated a remarkable resilience. In the wake of the worse recession since World War II the citizens of this state have shown that it is possible to triumph over adversity—and emerge even stronger. And it is true that the fundamentals of California—the economy, its people and its resources—are strong.

Yet, important work remains to be done. Though serving some students well, the state's educational system fails to provide too many children with basic skills and, consequently, consigns them to lives of limited opportunity. This Administration's highest priority is to raise expectations and improve achievement in education. In the service of these goals, the Budget proposes to invest in efforts to ensure that every student in California schools can read by age nine. We must improve the performance of California's students, teachers, and schools so that our children can become productive, literate citizens.

The Budget includes other modest, though significant, investments in the areas of health care, environmental programs and student aid. The Budget also continues the reductions in fees for students at the state's higher education institutions I urged the Legislature to enact in 1997. In

spite of the fact that the pace of economic growth in the state has moderated, these investments are made possible by the exercise of prudent fiscal discipline.

With your collaboration and leadership, we can assure the future of our children and the future of this state.

Sincerely,

GRAY DAVIS

Accompanying Governor's Budget and Budget Summary ordered filed with the Secretary of State.

Receipt

I acknowledge receipt this 8th day of January, 1999, at 11:22 a.m., of the budget for the 1999–2000 fiscal year, together with an explanatory message delivered to me personally by Nancy Miller.

E. DOTSON WILSON
Chief Clerk of the Assembly

ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA, Speaker

PAM CAVILEER, Minute Clerk