2/3 Vote, Bicameral Legislature Under Fire in Sacramento

California City News: A signficant gathering of opinion and policy leaders from around the state occurred at the Sacramento Convention Center Tuesday. The goal: fix California's government. We hope they had a lot of coffee (and hopefully something even stronger).

The verdict? Calls to eliminate the 2/3 budget vote requirement are gathering steam across the state, and in this room it was no different -- though everyone conceedes the effort would be a "hill to die on" for state Republicans. Lt. Gov John Garamendi calls the rule "an affront to democracy," and went a step further, saying we should eliminate the upper and lower houses of the legislature in favor of a 120 seat unicameral body.

Former legislator Bill Bagley, an ambassador from a saner, more productive time in our legislature's history, had this to say about reform efforts: "Politics and physics are very, very similar. Bad things attract. If you put too much in, you'll have all kinds of opposition and you'll be defeated."