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precedes the new language that you're adding. Is that correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think that's absolutely right. We're trying to make one narrow exception to the overall rules that exist, for this particular category.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, a constitutional amendment is not bound by what statutes are bound by, in the sense of a closed class. And I know there has to be equal protection and so forth, but why would we mention all of these other entities--school districts, public power districts, and other governmental or political subdivisions? Why are they included, when there is no problem of the kind you're addressing confronting them?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Elaborate a little bit, Senator, on your...on the latter part of your statement, indicating that there's no problem confronting them. If it would be possible, for example,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, here's what I'm saying.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't know of a...okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Had Lincoln and that hospital situation not arisen, this proposed constitutional amendment would not be before us. Only because of Lincoln's circumstances is it before us; isn't that true?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, in a practical sense, that's true, as these sorts of things are so often true. In a legal sense, though, it doesn't apply just to cities, and it doesn't apply just to Lincoln. It would apply to any public endowment fund.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why should public power districts be included? Do they get endowment money?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It's hard for me to imagine that they would, but I think the language of the current law, if you read up in lines 10 and 11, is very broad. And so we didn't...we don't