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idle, is it, because you said that certain interest is coming and can be expended, or did you say it can only sit idle and no income is being realized from it? I'm talking about the Lincoln situation now.

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, it's being invested at a very low rate of return.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what you're talking about doing is addressed, not to how that interest income is spent or disposed of, but the principal of the fund itself. You're talking about the...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...endowment itself.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if the money were to be invested in stocks or bonds and the market fell, then the fund could be, if not completely depleted, weakened or diminished substantially. Isn't that true?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, that's true, and to the greater extent that you have common stocks as part of your mix, the more true that would be. But I think one of the reasons that Senator Landis wanted all of this language in here about the prudent investor and acting in a fiduciary capacity and that sort of thing, is so that it's clear that this is not just any investment out there. This is a protected investment. You're well aware of fiduciary rules, and whatever we put in place in this Legislature, and you, sir, will be the one, through your knowledge of this, that will be the gatekeeper on that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, Senator Beutler, I'm not going to be here much longer, if term limits will take effect, and I'm sure two years down the road from now would not be too long for interest to wait, when we're talking about the amounts of money involved here. But aside from that, some mutual funds don't do well, and nobody has accused the ones who are investing those