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even though there's no basis for that language. But not a great deal of harm is done in the statutes, because we can ignore it, we can change it. But what the Supreme Court has said is that when it comes to an amendment to the constitution, nothing is considered surplusage. The court presumes that the Legislature had a reason for including every word which is in the amendment. Now the court knows that the public, when they circulate a petition, the Legislature, when it submits something to the voters, will not be as careful and exacting as the court will be when it analyzes such a proposition. But since the court has told us what the standard...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Foley, followed by Senator Landis.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning. I want to begin by thanking my Lincoln colleagues, Senator Beutler and Senator Landis, for their fine work on this issue. Senator Beutler has been taking the lead on this question for a couple of years now, and this really is a very, very important issue for the people of Lincoln. I hope we'll all take a moment to look through the handout that Senator Beutler has provided to us on some of the kinds of programs that are now being funded through this health endowment program, and the kinds of things that many, many people in Lincoln really do need. And I won't read the whole list, but I do want to highlight just a few of them; for example, cancer screening for Lincoln's Asian population; cardiovascular health outreach for Hispanic persons; pharmacy education for low-income and minority older adults; and I want to highlight the construction of a federally designated community health center down on North 27th Street. This is the People's Health Center, which is doing a tremendous job in serving underserved people, low-income people in north Lincoln. These are all very fine programs that are desperately needed. Healthcare, as you know, is getting so expensive, and more and more employers are dropping healthcare coverage for their employees, because it's just so expensive. And there's a