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tremendous population within our city that needs these kind of services, and to the extent that we can change the investment guidelines to earn a better return, a more prudent return on these funds, we ought to do that. So I want to thank Senator Beutler for all the work that he's put into this. This is very important legislation. I hope we can get it done this year. I know I've got time left. If Senator Beutler would like my additional time, he's welcome to it, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Foley, thank you, and I know there's...you have about a minute or a minute-and-a-half here, but let me add just one thing to your comments with regard to the difficulty these days of getting healthcare, especially among the low end of our population. Did you all read in the paper this morning what's happening to Medicaid and a whole bunch of the programs at the federal level? The House has now voted 216 to 214 to make some fairly Draconian cuts with regard to a whole number of programs that are similar to the programs that are benefited by this health endowment. So I would just add on to Senator Foley's caution in that regard. If there was ever a time we need to maximize the returns for the people, it's with this.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler and Senator Foley. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I support the rule suspension, which is, by the way, the topic that we're supposed to be on. I support the amendment, and then, with that addition, I support the bill. I raised in the committee a concern. Senator Beutler has been assiduous in responding to that concern. This constitutional provision was because of irregularities and fraudulent transactions at the turn of the century, in which railroads demanded and got contributions, special treatment, and stock purchases before they would choose which of two or three cities that they would run lines to. The state of Nebraska didn't want to be in the situation of investing in private companies, and it didn't want its political subdivisions investing in private