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violates it. So I'm not opposed to that language. What my amendment would do, it's found on page 1 of the proposal, in line 18. After the word "manner," I would insert the word "required." And I'm going to read what we would have, and eliminate some of the language in between: except that, notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, the Legislature may authorize the investment of public endowment funds in the manner required of a prudent investor. So instead of saying "in the manner of a prudent investor,"...that would be understood, but I think if the word "required" is put in it, it reads better, and the language refers to what it ought to refer to. So if you have any questions, I'm prepared to answer them. Before I let this one alone, I will acknowledge that my mind is not made up completely on what I will do ultimately on this proposal. But one way that Senator Beutler and his cohorts, henchpersons, aiders and abettors, co-conspirators, well-wishers can cause me to leave this thing alone, unless I see where some narrowing amending might help without swerving their train off the track, if that's what they want of me, accept the following amendment, which is not before you. In line 16, after the word "cities," include seven little words, that's all: "except a city of the metropolitan class." We are not going to be here much longer. This proposal, if it makes it to the ballot and the public votes for it, will be here for a good long while. With my amendment, it will accomplish the purpose for which the proposal is brought. Omaha is not the most responsible of cities with reference to anything, and certainly the administration is far from responsive, especially to poor people and to black people. Every manner of police depredation can be engaged in, and the mayor has no interest whatsoever, will not respond. So if Omaha stays in this, it goes down the drain. That's my attitude right now. Take Omaha out of it, and you can have what you want. That's what I'm offering to Senator Beutler and those who support him. I won't say, the lady or the tiger; I will say, success or a very rough row to hoe. And I'm not sure that a bill which was not prioritized by any of the senators in the city for whose purpose it is being brought will get a high priority with the Speaker. Maybe it will. But they're rolling the dice twice. Accept my amendment to get Omaha out of this, and you can have your way with the Legislature. But right now, the only thing before you is to add