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about to be cut back very significantly. And finally, health insurance, as you all know, especially from the recent article with respect to what it's costing people in here for health insurance, is becoming increasingly expensive at far greater than the rate of inflation, even though the lower people on the economic scale are not even keeping up with the rate of inflation. So never has something like this been needed more. I hope I've described enough of the structure of the thing to you so that you can feel that it is a protected and scrutinized entity. I hope, as you realize that the boomer generation is going to be transferring masses of wealth to communities, that you keep in mind that from time to time they may choose to give it, for whatever reason, directly to the public entity. And if they choose to do that, then you, too, will be in this situation where the health endowment of Kearney or the health endowment of Scottsbluff is limited in its ability to do good. And I think Senator Chambers always reminds of us of human nature and the power to do evil. But you and I know that that can't be eliminated entirely. We can take precautions. Those precautions should be reasonable. But in the end, we cannot so clamp down on those who would do evil, on the few who would do evil, that we diminish the ability of the many to do good, to invest wisely, to invest in a balanced way, to provide those funds to the people in the community who need it most. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the closing on the advancement of LB 75. The question before the body is, shall LB 75 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye; all those opposed, nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 75 to E & R Initial. Senator Beutler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BEUTLER: (Microphone malfunction)...please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.