

program that could dramatically increase the amount of screenings that could be done. If a woman is over 30 but under 50, one mammogram after 23 months have passed would be provided. If she is over 49 but under 65 years of age, one mammogram 11 months following the month of the last mammogram, in other words, yearly. Over 65, Medicare program kicks in. Section 4, this is the assurance that women will receive top quality mammograms so that the findings are accurate. If you are anxious about a possible cancer, you want the best quality of image taken with the lowest possible radiation dose. In Section 4, mammogram providers wishing to provide mammograms under this program must meet the same quality assurance standards that must be met to provide mammograms under the new federal guidelines for Medicare. And I don't know if any of you have seen...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...any of the TV programs lately that have talked about this problem where women are misdiagnosed, but it is a serious problem, and this bill tries to address that problem. Section 9 provides for the schedule of fees, and this is all related back to the federal poverty guidelines. It provides for public education and outreach to women and mammogram suppliers and this can be done through newspapers, through the local community organizations, through the American Cancer Society. There are a number of provisions for this, and then, finally, it talks about the certification, how a woman goes through the certification process. It establishes a Screening Cash Fund. Now this was the part of the bill that was very expensive in the first place, but we have cut the fiscal note down to somewhere around \$40,000, which...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...will just provide...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. I will now recognize the senators in the following order: Senator Labeledz, Rasmussen, Wesely, Schellpeper, Crosby, Beutler, and Schimek. Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. First of all, I would like to commend Senator Schimek and Senator Wesely for working as hard and long on LB 256 as they have. I rise in