

the screening was \$95 at the doctor's office. The biopsy, and the surgeon, and the hospital, everything was paid by the insurance but the \$95 was not paid by the insurance. So I think from that point of view that this particular piece of legislation will help the low-income women especially and people who do not have insurance to be able to have the screening, and that is where it starts is with that screening. The mammogram is frightening to women. It is a very precious thing that we are involved with, when you go and have a mammogram. It is life itself for our children so we just feel that we are afraid to go and find out that something might be wrong, and it is easy to put it off when it is not paid for. And so that is the point to me is to help women pay for the mammogram, so at least that particular thing, that excuse is gone and helps her with the fear. The other thing, a little while ago someone said something about it is a women's issue. Well, of course, it is a women's issue but it is also a family issue, because when you look at those statistics of how many, nine out of ten, that affects the family. If you lose your mother or your sister or your wife, that affects your family. So I think everybody should be interested in this, men and women alike, and I hope the bill moves very quickly. DiAnna, if you need any time, you can have what I have left. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: I'd like to direct the senators attention to the south balcony. There under the south balcony, a special guest of the Legislature today is Mr. Abbas Bello, who is Deputy Director of Civil Litigation in the Ministry of Justice Magistrate in Nigeria. Welcome to the Legislature. Thank you. Senator Beutler. Oh, I am sorry. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is okay. I might use this time now rather than doing any closing. I just wanted to follow up on the funding portion of this bill and say that originally the bill was over a million dollars a year because we were anticipating funding it out of state funds. When that became obviously impossible, we decided to take another look. The forty some thousand fiscal note a year on this simply provides for the quality assurance person in the Health Department, who checks the radiological equipment and the radiologist, and then it also provides for some travel for committee members, and a little higher in the first year than in the second year because we figured the first year they would meet more often. So the bill's fiscal note is not large and I want to explain that, and with that, I thank Senator Crosby.