

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would like to also be supportive of the bill. I have long thought that in recent years we have spent probably too much money with regard to health care, too much money on extraordinary methods to extend life for a very short period of time, and not enough money on preventive measures, generally, that can have a much broader and better effect on the population as a whole. And so I'm glad to see a shift of emphasis regardless of the form in which it might come or the specific subject matter that might be the first evidence of that emphasis. I am happy to see the emphasis change to preventive medicine, and I guess that is the principal reason that I feel supportive of the bill. At the same time, I did want to ask Senator Schimek some questions about how a couple provisions of the bill would operate, if I may, Senator Schimek. I missed the first part of your opening and so maybe I missed some critical information, but as I understand it, it will be federal funds that are coming in that will be used to actually pay the mammography suppliers, is that correct?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Senator Beutler, federal or private.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and we don't know how much fund are coming, is that correct?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, in the event that there are insufficient funds to satisfy both the 100 percent of poverty and under category and the other category that can benefit from reimbursement, the 100 to 200 percent category, in the event that there are insufficient funds to do both, how will that work? Will we just do the under the poverty level or some of both? Is it clear how that would work?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Beutler, that would be, I think the screening committee would, I would most likely think they would advise the Health Department that only those 100 percent and below people would be the ones that would be impacted then; that you would take those that could least afford it. That would be my preference.