

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The fee schedule then has to do with the fee schedule for the suppliers, not the fee schedule for those that are paying, is that right?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, it is for both, I think, Senator Beutler.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you. Senator Beutler, do you wish to speak again?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I just had one general question, this time not about the specifics, Senator Schimek, but about insurance companies generally. The bill starts us down a different track in a philosophic sense, I mean in a very real sense it is a kind of socialized medicine which I don't object to. But once we do it in this particular area, of course there is going to be another area that is going to be important to somebody else and so on and so on, and we will start down that track because we haven't figured out a system that adequately covers everybody. But you get back into the question of why isn't insurance doing this for most people, and I was just interested in the attitude of the insurance companies on this particular question. Is it their judgment or do they have figures to show that these preventive medicines, these preventive provisions, such as have been suggested to them, are going to actually cost them more in the end? I mean don't we make up something by not having these tremendous medical expenses to pay for down the line a ways because these things aren't caught? Have they done a cost comparison and decided it doesn't make sense to do preventive medicine? I am (interruption)...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Beutler,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...by that whole scenario.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Beutler, the answer to the first part of your question is insurance companies have been opposed. They have come in two years running and opposed the mandated