

insurance coverage bills that were introduced by Senators McFarland, Schellpeper and Schimek. Secondly, we were never able to gain any figures that would show one way or the other, whether these programs are cost effective or not. It is my suspicion that they would be cost effective but I cannot prove that and we could never get those figures from the insurance companies. Now I could tell you about what happened up in South Dakota on a similar kind of bill, but I mean the committee kind of laughed at the insurance company when they came in with their figures. So I don't know, we don't have a handle on that, and I guess after two years of trying with that, and realizing that there would still be a number of women in Nebraska who would not be covered, who would probably be among the most needy, I decided to just do an about-face and take it from this direction because I think it is the women who are economically stressed that are the ones least likely to get mammograms, and so that's why the introduction of this bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak to this issue? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Schimek?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, I do. I just wanted to clarify for Senator Beutler one thing. Now, Senator Beutler, you were correct that at the bottom of page 10 on line 21, that paragraph does refer to the women, themselves. The supplier section is on page 6, lines 12 through 16. So you were correct, that did refer to the women, themselves, but the supplier paragraph is on pages 12 through 16. Madam President, unless...well, I don't believe that there is anything further that I need to say except that breast cancer is the number one killer among women between the ages of 30 to 54. Mammography is the best known method of early detection, and there is no known cure for an advanced stage of this disease, so I would just respectfully ask advancement of LB 256.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. We will now vote on the motion to advance LB 256. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 256.