

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Amendment LB...or amendment 776 should be on your desks and it is a fairly simple amendment that doesn't do anything radical. The first part of it just inserts, on line 18, before "plan", "health benefit", the words "health benefit", to make sure...make clear that we're talking about health benefit plans. And then on 19 it also inserts the word "health benefit plan", so that's kind of a technical amendment. The second part of it says that on page 3, line 3, at the very end of the bill it says, insert "screening mammography shall be performed by a mammogram supplier who meets the standards of the federal Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992". This is probably superfluous, we probably don't really need it because federal law already mandates it, but we just want it to be crystal clear that we want the mammography that's provided to be a quality that people can count on. I'm sure the insurance companies want the same thing, they want quality mammography if they're going to pay for it. So with that, I would encourage the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Day, do you wish to speak to the amendment? Senator Landis, do you wish to speak to the amendment? Senator Schimek, do you wish to speak to the amendment? Senator Wesely, do you wish to speak to the amendment? Senator Bohlke, to the amendment? Senator Robak, to the amendment? Is there any further discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, Senator Schimek, do you wish to close? Closing is waived. The question before you is the adoption of the Schimek amendment to LB 68. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Schimek's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Schimek amendment is adopted. We return now to a discussion of LB 68. Senator Day, your light is next, followed by Senators Landis, Schimek, Wesely, Bohlke and Robak.

SENATOR DAY: Madam President and colleagues, the things that are on your desk and the statistics is kind of frightening to me because I'm one of those statistics. In August of 1992 I was diagnosed with breast cancer. About three years ago at this