

SENATOR BEUTLER: But let's say I work for a company and they have a group policy, it does not require mammography. If I as an individual want additional coverage for that, can I do so now under current law?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: As an individual?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, or as a family or how ever I want to purchase it.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I presume that you could, but again I'm going to have to ask the insurance industry about that. I presume that you could pay more and do that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And what is the logic or the...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well the logic is that the bigger pool you have, I suppose, the more affordable it is. And I would like to go back to your other question, Senator Beutler. I did ask...go back in the lobby and ask the insurance industry about the cost, and they said it would be probably, and they were going to have to check these figures with their office, about \$1 for a single person, and about \$2.25 for a married...or a family, a married couple or a family.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So what we're saying is social policy with this is that we want to spread the cost over everybody who buys insurance as opposed to the individual for the purpose of encouraging people to have this done. Is that a fair statement?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's a fair statement, but I think the emphasis...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I mean we're taking the cost off the individual and spreading it across all...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yeah, but I think the emphasis is not even on the cost so much as it is, this is something that we can do to save lives and this is something that really kind of balances out cost-wise when you...when you offset the cost of the premium or the cost of the mammography, I mean, with the cost of treating a woman whose cancer is so advanced that she has to do all of the chemo and the radiation and the surgery and the reconstructive surgery and the hospitalization and the medical stuff for all the side effects and, you know, on and on and on