

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I think a single policy would be either a man or a woman.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: So they're basically the same, to spread the costs they got to increase the premiums...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...one dollar and two dollars. Okay. I appreciate your sharing that information with me. As I...to respond a little bit to some of Senator Beutler's questions, the real benefit to this bill, to most people who are covered by either individual policies or group policies, will be only that the cost associated with this screening will be able to apply towards their deductible or their copayment, because this...LB 68 does not require that this coverage be provided on a first dollar basis. And so it would be covered like most other medical procedures, and as a result, since most people's deductibles are far in excess of what the cost of this screening is, that cost would only be associated or applied to the deductible or the copayment. So I think this is probably a good step to go and that I think we need to encourage more women to have this screening done. I hope that it is successful and does provide enough incentive that more women will in fact have this screening. Even though there might not be a great economic benefit to them to do so, hopefully they'll feel it's in their best interests and in their families' best interests to go ahead and have this screening done. So I would like to lend my humble support to LB 68.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Hudkins wishes to announce that the following guest is visiting the Legislature, Alice Danitschek is here this morning, she's the wife of Pastor Ed Danitschek, our chaplain of the day. She is sitting on the floor of the Chamber. Mrs. Danitschek, will you stand up and be recognized, please. Welcome. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Madam President and members, I'd just like to add a couple of remarks to already what has been said. And I really feel that this bill will help in the education area, and Senator Schimek referred to that, education not only of the patients but also the doctors. Statistics show the lack of doctor recommendation is one of the most prominent reasons why women do not get mammograms. I have a report here on the roles of public health, and it says the report highlights the fact