

that two-thirds of the Nebraska women not screened had seen a physician for a routine checkup in the year and that the lack of a physician's recommendation is one of the most prominent reasons. So I think just with education and also more accessibility as this becomes available through insurance policies will make the difference. And as we said earlier, early detection is the key. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Schimek, to close.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'm sorry, Senator...Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Stuhr, was that your closing? I'm sorry, I was distracted and I didn't realize we were closing. I guess there's not too much that I can add to what's already been said. I appreciate the fact that the Banking Committee advanced this bill this year. I appreciate the fact that the insurance industry thinks it's good public policy, and I appreciate the fact that Senator Stuhr chose this as her priority bill. I am trying to find out, and I'm kind of stalling for time here, the answer to one of Senator Beutler's questions. But if we don't get it here, Senator Beutler, I'll try to get it on, on Select File. I guess I would just like to close by saying I think this is good public policy, I think it does encourage screening mammography. I think that one of the reasons that Nebraska has been consistently at the bottom of the ladder in the number of...or the rate of mammography screening among women in this state is because we haven't had the mandated coverage as other states have had, since as early as 1981, if I recall correctly. So the number of states has just been growing year by year. I also think that it is fairly cost-effective and that we do save lives. So, with that, I'd like to thank you all for your attention and your patience and move the bill. Thanks.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard Senator Schimek's closing. The question is, shall LB 68 be advanced? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 68.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 68 advances. Items for the record,