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LB 837

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Let me tell you where I'm coming from on that. I'm coming from the mammography thing and this is going to exempt some employees or it's going to increase from 25 to 50 the number of employees a small employer may have and still be eligible for coverage under this health plan. Does this affect mammography coverage at all?

SENATOR WESELY: No, you have nothing...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Do I have the bills mixed up?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Oh, okay, we'll talk about it off the floor then. Thank you very much.

SENATOR WESELY: This won't hurt or change anything on that.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, thank you very much.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Any additional debate? Senator Wesely, would you like to close on your motion to advance LB 837?

SENATOR WESELY: Let me assure you this is a very outstanding bill and Senator Schimek has nothing to worry about whatsoever or anybody else for that matter. No, what it does is it protects in terms of preexisting conditions and denial of somebody's coverage, dropping them out of a plan, things like that, but the only benefit issue that came up was the immunization issue and that was added, so...there will be a basic and standard benefit package that is the least that has to be offered. That is included, but obviously much more can be offered and if the other bill passes on mammography this would not change any of that. So, ask support for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. The question is, shall LB 837 be advanced? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Looks like I may need a call of the house.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question is, shall the house go under call? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.