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the...the individual other than a relative would not apply to someone who is deceased. That would be the estate of the deceased person, which would be an entity, so you've got an ambiguity there, plus an ambiguity as to what is encompassed within the word "gifts". Does "gifts" include an inheritance, a bequest of funds? I think until, you know, I agree with the theory of the amendment, but I think the language needs to be cleaned up and needs to be more specific before it is adopted. Otherwise, we may be creating...we may be disinheriting a lot of members of this Legislature or their spouses, or making their inheritance illegal. So I will oppose this amendment in its present form.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Engel, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Schrock basically asked one of the questions I wanted to ask, because I am in the insurance business and occasionally I do sell insurance and occasionally I do win a trip, which I won this year. I'm going to Munich, Germany. And the thing is my wife also goes with me and she is not in the insurance business and...and the benefits she would receive from this will exceed \$1,000. Now, Senator Beutler, would that...would that fall into play here? You talked about your intent was not to, as far as apply it as far as bonuses were concerned, but this bonus is for me but she also will be a recipient of it, so would that apply?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, would you respond?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I'm sorry, what...what kind of a...

SENATOR ENGEL: Oh.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...situation was it again?

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, I won a trip to Germany and...but I...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Based upon?

SENATOR ENGEL: Through sales.