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SENATOR BEUTLER: Through insurance sales and your business?

SENATOR ENGEL: Through sales, and that's the bonus program such as you're talking about Ed here.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Um-hum.

SENATOR ENGEL: But the thing is my wife is also going and...and her benefit is going to exceed \$1,000. So will that take us out of compliance if this amendment passes?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, Senator, once again, I would never want to...to include those types of things under the statute and, to the extent that those types of things may be borderline, maybe the amendment does need to identify specific situations like that so as to exclude them.

SENATOR ENGEL: And...and...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I, you know, I...if you're concerned about those types of situations then perhaps it should be addressed in the statute.

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, I think there are several people who would be involved in that same situation. And the thing is, we were over at Wayne State College Friday, three of us, and we have the little symposium over there every year, and one of the questions brought up was this particular bill and my response is that the...I think people are concerned about the public's perception being we're all on the take and I just don't accept that...that thought at all. I don't think...the perception out in my area is not that way and I don't think that is across the state because, as far as receiving gifts, I don't ever recall receiving a gift over \$50. Like you said, the coffee cups and so forth and the other day they gave us a letter opener over there and I asked them, I said I hope this isn't over \$50, she said, well, we could give everyone in the room one and it wouldn't...the total wouldn't amount to that. So I said, well, I'll accept that then. But the thing is I think this perception that everybody thinks it out there I don't...I just don't...personally, I don't believe that. This doesn't bother me that...as far as accepting gifts because that isn't a problem