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to their budgets and the budget committee which has been hearing their budgets, has noticed that most of these agencies are following the recommendations of the Governor and in order for this to be properly taken care of, we have to introduce this bill. I move that request 167 be introduced in the Legislature.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I wonder Mr. President if Senator Whitney would yield to a question?

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney will you yield to a question?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes.

SENATOR BARNETT: How many employees is this based on, this fiscal note that you have on this, do you have any idea, is it thirteen thousand or is it more than that or what?

SENATOR WHITNEY: I think it would be a little more than that Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Then my next question is will it be a true figure that we are seeing, won't the figure be quite less than what you show because, I think the majority of employees in the state are women, clerical help, and I believe that their husbands probably carry insurance for them at their place of employment, wouldn't this be approximately right?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Senator Barnett, this covers about twenty three thousand employees and it covers all state employees.

SENATOR BARNETT: That would be if they want it or would it be mandatory?

SENATOR WHITNEY: It would be mandatory for the group health insurance program. The other portions, the group speciality benefits insurance programs would be of their choice, and this -

SENATOR BARNETT: On the group life, you say the term, the two dollar and fifty cents would be -

SENATOR WHITNEY: That would be paid for by the state -

SENATOR BARNETT: Is that mandatory also?

SENATOR WHITNEY: The state would do this without any cost to the employee.

SENATOR BARNETT: That they would have it though, everyone of them would take it, they would have it automatically?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Right.

SENATOR BARNETT: Thank you.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'd like to ask Senator Whitney a question.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney will you yield to a question from Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes.