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is that the spouse is still alive?

SENATOR DWORAK: I have seen no statistics or no evidence to indicate that there is a greater or lesser likelihood of disease or sickness to surviving spouse.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So where will the increased cost come from? If more premiums are not paid out, I mean more claims are not paid, where will the increased cost come from and on what would it be based?

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Chambers, I didn't use increased cost as an argument in favor of my amendment. The only argument I used in support of my amendment is consistency with extending benefits with surviving spouses as to involuntary quits which is what we passed last year. The only potential that I can see for increased cost is in the area of administration. We are talking about a mass marketing device where we try to provide equal benefits to many people, and if we extend it six months for involuntary quits and twelve months for surviving spouses and some other duration of time for another category of people, we lose the mass marketing concept. That is all I am saying, Senator Chambers, and all my amendment is trying to do is put this extension of benefits consistent with what this Legislature did last session. Now as far as...okay, I will let you, it is your time, Senator.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Fifteen seconds left.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Dworak, you can have the rest of it and I will try again.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fitzgerald, do you wish to speak to the Chambers amendment? Senator Cope. I am sorry, the Dworak amendment, Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, a question of Senator Dworak. Senator Dworak, with the quits, as you termed it, legislation last year, volun.....

SENATOR DWORAK: Involuntary quits, people that get fired.

SENATOR COPE: All right, if we give them six months, it seems unrealistic to me that we would allow the same benefits to a loyal employee who died, those same benefits to his family. Surely they should have more benefit than someone who just voluntarily quits.

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