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as Senator Kelly has so well put, is blackmailing the state of Nebraska. There is no doubt about it. We talked to the federal officials last year and it is strictly a pure case of blackmail. I'd like to point out, this body not over a year or two ago done away with a life safety code which protects people from being burned up in fires. The United States loses about 12,000 of them a year but you don't see anybody coming in and requiring everybody to carry a fire extinguisher around. They tell you to put on the seat belts but when you go to an accident and they haven't used them, you don't do anything about that. You know there are many ways that we can save people's lives. They fall off of a ladder. You could make them wear a parachute. You can do all kinds of things like that but I think you have to draw the line and I think you have to draw the line in the area of dictating to people what they are going to do when they choose their death. It is that simple. If they decide to ride a motorcycle in their own way and I am like Senator Koch in one way on this bill, I wouldn't get on one. If they choose to ride a motorcycle, I think they should have the choice of whether they are going to wear the helmet or whether they are not.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, we've talked about this both jokingly and seriously for a long time. I think we all know how we are going to vote. I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall debate cease? Record your vote. The question is, shall debate cease? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Chambers, for purposes of reply.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, partly with reference to what Senator Koch was saying with his series of questions, I have never participated in the racing of automobiles but I have seen them on television and they do wear protective headgear. They are racing automobiles yet nobody has stated that people should be required to wear helmets when they drive automobiles. As far as the safety funds being withheld and funds being withheld from highway construction for people not wearing helmets, as Senator Kelly said, you cannot make a logical or rational connection there. If it is unsafe to ride a motorcycle without a helmet but in order to engender safety with a helmet, you are going to create a more unsafe condition for everybody by denying funds to make highway safe, that is irrational. That is illogical. As they say on Star Trek, that would not compute. I don't think that it is proper to accept the threats of the federal government which my two white colleagues characterize as blackmail. I will call it whitemail. Since the federal government is controlled by white people such as this Legislature is controlled by white people, most of those riding motorcycles are white people, we will call it by what it is. I don't accept whitemail from anybody just