

you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 509 of the Legislative Journal.) 33 ayes, 5 nays, 6 present and not voting, 5 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 123 passes. LB 428.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Mr. President, Senator Moore would move to return LB 428 to Select File for specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Smith and Moore would move to return LB 428 to Select File for specific amendment. I believe you will find the amendments in your Final Reading bill books. It is AM1725.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Moore and I co-sponsored this amendment which would require only riders under 19 years of age wear a helmet and adds mandatory education for riders under 19, and you can find that amendment, as they already suggested to you, in the Final bill book, Reading bill book. What the amendment simply does is just change the mandatory helmet, the wearing of the helmet for all people that are motorcyclists to be restricted to those that are 19 years of age and younger, and adds to it the mandatory education for those that are first-time riders. Senator Moore will talk with you about the helmet portion of the amendment and I will discuss the education proposal. Our reason for offering this amendment is that we consider it to be an acceptable compromise. In my opinion, and you have already heard me say this a number of times on the floor, that the helmet alone is not going to prevent accidents. It is not going to cut down on the high toll that we have in death, injuries, and the costs that it creates. For this reason, I feel very strongly that we need to have an education section to the bill, and I hope that you will join me in supporting that. Remember that education prevents accidents from happening. Those accidents occur among riders who are young and inexperienced. I have had letter after letter from individuals who were not necessarily motorcyclists but many of them were stating to me over and over again