

are talking about the motorcyclists who have come one heck of a long ways since I have been in this Legislature. When I came here three years ago, I can remember of getting involved in this issue immediately with Senator Landis, and they didn't even like the idea of the education at that time. They have come this far. They say now they would support a mandatory education course. They will support a mandatory helmet law for those young, inexperienced riders and this, by the way, will be at a cost in the General Fund of \$100,000 is all to the general public. If we are talking here about saving lives and we have this grand concern about costs of 7 to 11 million dollars a year, surely we can see it in our hearts to come up with \$100,000 out of the Cash Fund to augment the \$70,000 that they are presently putting into the program in order to implement this program, which is as part of the amendment. And Senator Scott Moore will complete his discussion as far as age requirements. I will dwell on the education part of it if you have questions. Thank you. Senator Moore, would you like to go ahead from here then, or wait for your own time?

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. There are a number of lights on from the previous discussion and I would go through the lights and ask if you want to speak specifically to the Moore-Smith amendment, you may do so. If not, I would ask you to take off your light. Senator Ashford, would you care to speak? Fine, let me go ahead with Senator Abboud on the amendment. You don't want to speak. I am sorry. I am just going through the list of lights. Senator Moore, I presume you want to speak. Senator Scofield, Senator Smith, Higgins, Landis, Chambers, Vard Johnson. Okay. Senator Ashford, please go ahead. We are discussing the amendment. Senator Ashford, the floor is yours.

**SENATOR ASHFORD:** Thank you very much. Mr. Speaker and members, I am passing around a letter from a physician in my district and I wish you would just take a look at that to dispel any misconceptions that there might have been about some information that was passed around by an organization called the AMA opposed to Senator Lynch's bill, and my letter just simply states that the...the position of the American Medical Association, differentiates that from, obviously from the position of the American Motorcycle Association. So I would just request the body to take a brief look at the letter from Dr. Denenberg and reference that in your consideration. Thank you. I would give the rest of my time to Senator Landis.