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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Smith, I just wanted to ask you one question related to the statistics you just gave because I was kind of interested in trying to figure that number myself. I think what you said was helpful. That would bring us down to something like 18,000 people, total, that would...that might want to take the test. Would that be more or less accurate from the figures you gave me?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: I would say at the very least. In fact, I might have not used the right numbers there. I would suggest...when I said 20 to 40 percent, that's actually those who would probably still wear helmets. But that's not to say they don't want to take the course. And there are some extreme assumptions that have been made in the debate, and that is that everyone would go without a helmet. And that's not the reality. I mean a lot of people take the course are convinced that they need to wear a helmet all the time. So there's a practical side of things says that, you know, we need to slow down this onslaught of people taking the course, even if they don't need it. And so that's why I proposed the amendment that would be aiming toward new licensees taking the course before they could go without a helmet.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so we have the category then, deducting from that total, who would wear the helmet anyway and not take the course, I doubt if there'd be very many that would take the course for the fun of it, personally, but maybe there are a few of those, too.

SENATOR SMITH: Well,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: But if they are that crazy, they probably shouldn't be on a motorcycle. (Laugh)

SENATOR SMITH: The fact is, there are 5,000 people in the state who have taken it, and really the only government benefit, so to speak.

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, I was just kidding. Let me ask you about