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hearing. I asked several doctors to try and under...to help me understand why our fatality rate is twice as high in Nebraska, and it typically came down to education. So if you don't believe my numbers, don't give me any of your numbers, because I'm not going to believe them. These were undisputed. I have the transcript here. I had several doctors come in. I asked the same question of several of them. They could not explain, other than education requirements, why our fatality rate per 10,000 riders was twice as high as the next state that has no helmet law but that does require education. There were a number of issues brought out in the hearing that I'd like to address now. One of them is, the helmet law is stretched to the limit now, as far as enforcement. Somebody, I think it was Senator Erdman, said that legally these helmets have to be approved by the National Highway Transportation Safety Board. I don't know of anyone that's ever been ticketed, that I've seen, riding with an illegal helmet. And they are out there. There's a lot of them out there. And particularly, the people that ride through the western end of the state, going to Sturgis, have these little skullcap-type things that they claim to be helmets. I have never seen anyone cited in violation of our helmet law for wearing one of those. And they are nothing more than a token helmet. So what we have out on the books now is not, to me, enforced. Another issue that was brought up in the committee is, a lot of the helmets now...and this was in testimony by Dr. Roger Meyer, who happens to be a family physician in Utica, who is also president of the Nebraska Medical Association, testified--and this is of record--he has helmets, he's a rider, rides with his wife. They have intercom system in their helmets, and radio, and so on. Obviously, I don't know why...I don't think they have a CD player on their motorcycle, but they have radio and intercom system within the helmets. And my questions were, of him, is, should we ban that? We had a bill dealing with cell phone use while driving, in the committee. I think this is probably a more serious problem for distraction and lack of ability to hear outside noises when you're visiting with an intercom system that must...and I don't have one of these, I used to ride a motorcycle...but it's got to screen out...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.