

Let's not refight that battle again in 1992 when we're dealing with safety belt issues. If you adopt, if you allow this, if you don't overrule the Chair and you allow Senator Moore to amend this onto the bill, the motorcycle lobby will then charge in here and that whole issue will be debated on whether or not we should have a helmet law in Nebraska and we will be totally off the subject of safety belts and the need for safety belt legislation and the need for consideration of the Federal Highway Authorization Act and our compliance with that. We will be totally off discussing the pros and cons of helmet legislation. There are reasons why the Legislature chose to make the motorcycle helmet law so stringent and Senator Lynch can probably explain those reasons better than I can, but the motorcycle helmet law is, of itself, a primary offense, is a moving violation in and of itself, has...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HORGAN: ..court costs associated with it, does not deal with safety belts, does not deal with the safety belt issue, does not deal with child restraints. These issues are totally separate. It's inappropriate to mix them together and, as Senator Moore has addressed, if we put these together and there is a referendum, which would be encouraged by putting this in there, the voters are going to be totally confused. They're not going to know what they're doing because there's questions out there. If the law were to be repealed, would you be repealing the helmet law? And how can you do that when the law, by referendum, when the law was passed in 1988 and you have 90 days to referendum a bill? This is confusing. This is harassing the bill. It's going to create all kinds of confusion in the body. It's going to send us off in a totally different direction and it is inappropriate on Select File on this date to be doing it and I encourage the body not to allow this to occur.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Horgan. Senator Withem. I do not see Senator Withem. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, I apologize to the body. I had hoped that maybe we could discuss this issue briefly, dispose of it or adopt it, either way, and I guess it's one of those things if you're talking about the rules, this bill is underneath the rules of the road, this bill, under the definition of motor vehicle in our state statutes, a motorcycle is one of them, under the most narrow definition of germane,