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per registration. In the...after January 1, 2005, the amount will be \$5 per registration. This simply gets the Motorcycle Safety and Training Fund up to speed in a hurry by having that extra \$3 for that period of time up till January 1, 2005. Second, the committee amendment changes the registration fee for each motorcycle to \$11. That's as of the effective date of the bill until January 1 of 2005. That fee, again, is \$11. This is a registration fee on the motorcycle. After January 1, 2005, the fee shall drop down to \$8. Same rationale as the registration...as the money that's going into the motorcycle fund, trying to build that fund up. Finally, the committee amendment allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to approve motorcycle safety courses, and clarifies language regarding permits for instructors. In addition, the fee collected under this section shall be placed in the Motorcycle Safety and Training Fund, and used by the...for the administration of this fund. The Motorcycle Safety Education Fund, which we're using now, would be terminated. So the committee amendment makes technical changes along the way, too, regarding the education fund, where the fund is needed to reference the Safety and Training Fund, and will outright repeal those sections in the bill. So that is the change that the committee amendments make to the bill. I would urge your adoption of these. And with that, I would return the rest of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Baker. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do have a series of amendments to the committee amendments. The first is by Senator Brown. Senator Brown, FA1195. (Legislative Journal page 834.)

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment requires long-term health insurance, proof of long-term health insurance, long-term care insurance, as a part of the requirements for riding without a helmet. Senator Smith, in his opening, said that this legislation would not harm anyone else, that it's a personal choice, and that's fine. But in the discussion, we've got to get into some of the economics of it. Motorcycles have the highest crash cost per person mile of any sort of transportation. And only slightly more than half of