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LB 303

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. The issue before us is FA1195, which is to the Transportation Committee's (sic) amendment to LB 303. Senator Jensen, followed by Senator Beutler and 11 others.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. There's been some mention of some names here that I have to respond to: Senator Lynch, Dr. Manion. I met Dr. Manion in August...or, excuse me, in April of 1987 at St. Joe Hospital. He was the anesthesiologist: My son was a patient, riding a motorcycle. And after...it was on an Easter Sunday, as a matter of fact. And after spending about four days in the hospital, the family never leaving the side, and on about the fourth day, having the doctors come in and say, would you donate organs, did you want life support, and Dr. Manion saying, you know, there's a senator who is introducing a bill in the Legislature by the name of Dan Lynch, who...would you be interested in testifying on that bill? I had, at that time, no thought of ever getting involved in politics. But I certainly realized what had happened when my son, driving a motorcycle a block and a half from the house, hitting some loose gravel, hitting a walnut tree with his head, and was in a coma for three weeks. Had a hole drilled in his head to relieve the pressure, and spent 70 days at St. Joe Hospital, 42 in ICU. And then after getting out of...finally coming out of the coma, and after getting out of the hospital, rehabilitation up at Immanuel. And in rehabilitation, who should we run into but Danny Lynch, who was also going through rehabilitation for a head injury. Yes, his in an automobile, my son's with a motorcycle. And for whatever reason, only God knows, and I've questioned that many times myself, as you look at the curve, Danny kind of went like this; my son went like this and improved dramatically. But when he went in there, we sat down at a table and had the therapist says, Jay, move the yellow circle to the yellow hole. And he sat there with his mouth open, and I didn't know whether he was going to move at all. And about 30 seconds later, he finally reached his hand forward and dropped the one in the same hole, something an 18-month-old would do. I don't know if he really realized that circumstance. But since then, Senator Manion...or not Senator Manion, Dr. Manion, has been very faithful in this