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battle to ensure that we have helmets on those who drive motorcycles. And, yes, we have, since that bill was passed, we have saved many lives. And many families have not had to go through the struggle that happens with a trauma head injury. My son has recovered substantially, and has got a wife and four children. But he and I together many times go up to hospitals, talk to parents, talk to families about what happens when you pull the plug, when you remove the life support. He feels that's a mission. I do too. Because that's something that they go through. I had another son who was going to college at the time. Dropped out of college to come home to be with the family during this turmoil. Again, he lost...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...a year of schooling. My son, 22 years old, driving a motorcycle, no insurance. Who would have picked that up? Just so happened that he was still a student at Creighton University, and so he was covered underneath my insurance. If he hadn't been a student...he wasn't a very good student at the time, by the way, but if he hadn't been a student, he wouldn't have been covered. Who would have picked up the cost? St. Joe Hospital would have picked up the cost. Because when he went in, he didn't even have a driver's license with him. He was John Doe. And that's one thing about our hospitals, and that's one reason our hospital costs are high, is they pick up a lot of cost that isn't covered by insurance. We still have a number of people on motorcycles today who are driving without insurance. But the helmet, it's not going to save every life. But can you imagine, if you knew that you were going to be in an accident, would you rather have the helmet on or not? Well, then also,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...one other thing, do you ever know when you're going to have an accident?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Louden, Brown, Quandahl, Erdman, and Mossey, and others.