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How...well, do you know how many Medicaid patients are currently in long-term care that the state is footing the bill for?

SENATOR JENSEN: I can tell you there are 183,000 Medicaid recipients in this state. No, I don't have that number. I would endeavor to find that for you, though.

SENATOR SMITH: I would really appreciate that, and certainly any other injuries associated. I do want to point out, thank you, Senator Jensen, the fact that it's approximately the same number of people who are insured and uninsured driving a regular vehicle as there are folks driving a motorcycle. It's right at 50 percent, a negligible difference between the two. And for us to derive public policy around a situation like that to me is not the right thing to do because we're treating motorcyclists quite differently, when, in terms of insurance, and when, in fact, they are about the same when the big picture is viewed. I do want...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...to go back to, thank you, the numbers regarding registrations, injuries and fatalities, because I believe those numbers to be the most telling of anything. And I don't care if the other states around us weren't in the situation, but the fact is and the graphs will show you that it is the number of motorcycles on the road that is reflected in accidents and injuries; it's not the number of helmeted riders that effect the accidents and injuries. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith and Senator Mossey. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: I'd call the question, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. the question before the body is, shall debate cease on FA1195? All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on ceasing debate on FA1195 to the committee amendments to LB 303. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.