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Administration, motorcycles are only 2 percent of the registered vehicles nationally, but motorcyclist fatalities are 5 percent of traffic fatalities each year. Nationally, motorcyclists account for over 2,100 fatalities and 56,000 injuries. The fatality rate per mile traveled for motorcyclists is 16 times that of car occupants, and the injury rate is 4 times that of car occupants. We keep hearing, I can't see in a helmet; it makes it more dangerous. Normal peripheral vision is between 200 and 200 degrees. Federal safety standards require that helmets provide 210 degrees of vision. Over 90 percent of crashes happen within a range of 160 degrees. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: Helmets reduce the loudness of noises but do not affect the rider's ability to distinguish between sounds. The University of Southern California conducted 900 on-reen, in-depth...

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SENATOR BYARS: ...investigations of motorcycle crash scenes and could not uncover a single case in which a rider could not detect a critical traffic sound. According to a study by the U.S. Department of Transportation, when universal motorcycle helmet legislation was repealed, the helmet use rate dropped from 99 percent to 50 percent. When the universal law was reinstated, the helmet rate rose to above 95 percent. You've heard a number of times, and again according to the U.S. Department of Transportation, over three times...unhelmeted motorcyclists are over three times as likely to suffer a brain injury when compared with helmeted motorcyclists. I am thinking about putting a bracket motion up just for the sake of inviting the entire members of the Legislature to visit Madonna on a Friday afternoon.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Baker.