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concealed carry. Everybody says, oh, we've got concealed carry. If we get it, we'll just go down and apply for it. It's not that case in LB 265. It's not the case in LB 303. This is...requires considerable amount of training and, of course, all these other things. You're talking about the health insurance and eye protection and so on and 21 years of age. This isn't just we pass this, you can go without a helmet. I think people need to get back to the basics of the bill. This is very stringent training. Senator Smith has pointed out he's made some concessions in this bill that I don't think any other states have, as requiring health insurance. We're debating an amendment now where you have to be an organ donor and so on. I don't know that there are any other states like that. So this is an attempt at a compromise to get this bill out, but I think we need to focus on the bill itself. And all these numbers, facts, so-called facts, you can make these numbers say about anything you want. I go back to the old adage that, you know, people...you can have a survey and come out however you want it to come out. So I'm trying to refocus attention on the fact that this does require a lot of training. They're good courses and, in all honesty, I think that everyone should probably have to take these training courses to get a motorcycle endorsement on their license. So I speak also from experience as a long-time EMT and tell you we've worked it seems like quite a few motorcycle accidents, obviously, not as many as automobile accidents, but the people I can recall that have been involved in motorcycle accidents, the helmet didn't make any difference. One of them was simply run over by a semi. Helmet made no difference there.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: I've seen people who have the muscle tissue torn off their lower extremities, their arms, down to the bone. Not pleasant, but helmet had...and they survived, a helmet I don't think had any effect on that. So I question the false security that a helmet may lend to one person, a person who has it on. I have not...okay, I'm trying to think back if I've ever worked a motorcycle accident that I thought the helmet did any good. Most of them have been fatalities. Some of them, just as I said, they survived it with skinned up extremities and so on.