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But I think they give a sense of false security to people, in all honesty. So I support the bill, the committee amendments. I'd like to see it advanced on. I realize we have a lot of amendments filed here, but I want to continue to try and refocus on the bill, all the education requirements, and there's costs involved. This isn't free. These people have to be committed to do all these things before they can obtain this privilege of riding without a helmet.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you.

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

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Baker, I agree 100 percent with you about the education portion of this bill and, in fact, I think it's a very significant portion, so significant I've got an amendment later to keep that as the only portion of the bill (laugh) and do away with the helmet exemption. But what I want to get straightened out now with you is on page 17 of your amendment, of the committee amendment. And I mentioned this...this to you. I don't know if you've had time to find out the answer for me, but my concern was in paragraph three where it talks about the person who's born prior to 1984, which would make them about 19 years plus, and it says they have to be, in order to be exempted, they have to be equipped with eye protection and carry proof of health insurance, but it doesn't say anything about the education program. And I'm thinking there must...there must be a rational explanation for this that the 19-year-old wouldn't have to take the education part but the 21-year-old would. Can you enlighten me, please?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Yes. That...Legal Counsel points out that section of the bill does not become operative until January 1, 2005, so then they would be 21. I guess that's the way it would be. Yes. And it's...