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to the fact that not all traumatic brain injury is caused from riding a motorcycle. Not even 100 percent of traumatic brain injury is caused from or is a result of a motorcycle accident. There are other avenues to receiving traumatic brain injury, as unfortunate as it is. But when we say that this is going to increase the cost, there's not the data, in this report anyway, when it says...when it uses words that they are probably in there for reasons other than old age because they're under age 65, their assumption, and there are approximately 100 people on Medicaid due to traumatic brain injury. So we can't even pin that down, so why should we try to pin down information to...that would lead to such a restrictive, the most restrictive, helmet...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...law in the United States of America? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you very much, Senator Smith. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd call the question.

SPEAKER BROMM: Do I see five hands? I do. The question then is, shall debate cease? All in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. We're voting on whether to cease debate. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to cease debate.

SPEAKER BROMM: Debate does cease. Senator Dwite Pedersen, you're recognized to close on AM0789.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. It's been good debate. We've talked very little about organ donors and that's what this amendment is about. The debate, again as I said, is good around the main issue of repealing the helmet law. But getting back to the amendment itself, when we're talking about donors, and that's what this