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about their safety riding motorcycles now. And it wouldn't surprise me at all if a very large number of them didn't bother to take the safety test because they want to continue to wear their helmets. So I'm not sure that there would be that rush to the courses that would jam up the works and not allow people to get through the process in a reasonable period of months. In any event, those would be the arguments I'd throw out...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to you for your consideration, one way or another, and I think I'll be guided by some of the conversation that pursues here, that is forthcoming here, and I hope people will speak up, and maybe that will get us to the current solution a little faster here. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I want to elaborate a bit on the numbers, and right now we have about 51,000 licensees in the state. And as I said before, about 5,000 have taken the course. That leaves 46,000. Now there is some experts speculating that about 20 to 40 percent of...well, about 40 percent would probably be interested in taking that course probably rather soon. And I would say that weighing all of the factors in this, the fact is if we accept the Beutler amendment the way it is right now, we're going to jam the system as I said before, and we'll end up with a lot less, actually, than what we have now because the training mechanism has proven to be very effective and I think can result in some very positive things for the state and, obviously, in preventing accidents. And when we prevent accidents, that's how we prevent injuries and unfortunate situations such as death. So the compromise that I propose, I hope we can take that up in a timely manner because it's something that certainly meets, I believe, the intent of the Beutler amendment now and hope we can get to that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Beutler, on your amendment.