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wearing a helmet but the conditions were such that the helmet didn't matter, which is oftentimes the case, I will add, would be exempt from this. And I just don't see what this amendment accomplishes. Thank you.

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

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I rise to support the Brashear amendment. If you believe in personal responsibility, how can you not support this amendment? And then I want to relate to you a little bit about when I was 17 years old, graduate of high school, my first job was in construction. And when I was 17 years old I had blond hair, and I had a crew cut, a flattop, if you will, and it was perfect. There wasn't a hair out of place. I got it cut every ten days. I used butch wax, and it was perfect, And I worked in construction, and I got tanned every year, and I...well, I had a good opinion about myself. (Laughter) But let me say that later on in construction, they come up with these things. I hate these things. They're uncomfortable to wear. They mess up your hair. You end up with a tan like many of my people from agriculture, that...it's a little lighter on top than it is down on your face. But you know what? They work. Why do we wear them? Because they work. You can't go on a construction job, particularly a commercial construction job, without one of these. Why is that? Because they save injuries, they save lives. Every year across the state of Nebraska there is a motorcycle ride, BRAN ride, Bike Ride Across Nebraska, great event. You know in order to get on that, you have to wear a helmet on a bicycle. Now is that stupid or what? It saves injuries, it saves lives. Now forget all the money, and I have trouble doing that. You know where my finances...or what I think about economics, but forget about that. Bu' there is nobody on this floor that cannot argue with me that helmets don't save injuries and don't save lives. Yes, Senator Smith has different statistics than maybe what our statistics show, and with the various agencies that Senator Byars said yesterday about a hospital association, the AMA, all of those agencies that we respect, and they absolutely say that helmets are necessary, and they save lives. Senator Brashear's amendment is a personal responsibility. You know, how far do we take that, I