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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, you have about two and a half minutes, if you care to use them.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, I've been rendered speechless at the moment and I won't be able to use the time. Thank you. (Laughter)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Laugh) Senator Cudaback, members of the body, wanted to get back away from the...this discussion to what doctor...or Senator Smith was alluding to. First of all, what...the replies that I got to the questions weren't anything that I talked about. I didn't talk about any drunks. I didn't really talk about any cost of research on the injuries. I guess I wish he had so that we knew whether this was going to...how much it was going to cost the state, but we don't know one way or the other. I suspect that we won't. I didn't talk about personal responsibility, although not a bad idea. But what I did talk about were how you go about getting scientific evidence as to what is right. In medicine, what you do is, if you think that you have a point or a better way of doing it, you tell other people about it. You write up an article; have other people criticize the article. Senator Smith, you might be interested to know that your point of reference, our orthopedic surgeon for the head injuries, has never written an article about head injuries, as best we can find, anyhow. But what do we have? We have these world-class, the best there is on this earth, organizations that try and do the best thing we can for our health. These are dismissed as advocacy groups. I don't understand it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Smith, and this will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'll refer to Senator Jensen's mention of suntan. Centers for Disease Control has found that exposure to the sun, even enough for a tan, is dangerous, in fact, lethal. We don't mandate ball caps on baseball players, much less helmets on football players.