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I will not be able to get this amendment in shape to include all the things we shouldn't do, like...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...eating and drinking and overeating and smoking and being lazy and slothful and not exercising and all the other things that ought to disqualify us from social benefits. So, since I can't get it in shape to pass by acclamation, I'll withdraw it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next item to the bill, or amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Raikes and Vrtiska would move to amend with AM1227. (Legislative Journal page 1201.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open. Senator Raikes. Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open on your amendment, AM1227, to the committee amendments to LB 303.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I apologize for my delay here. This amendment...and I'm sorry also if I am a little behind on the conversation, this amendment picks out actually one particular part of LB...of the committee amendment to LB 303 which deals especially with making riding without a helmet a secondary offense. Senator Landis mentioned this as...in his comments as one of the possible proposals that he could be interested in, and this is also the vein in which I offer it to you. This is someplace that I could feel I would be comfortable in dealing with this issue at this point. That is that we would continue as a state policy, as state law, to require helmets, but treat it as a secondary rather than a primary offense. The appeal of it to me is that, as Senator Landis pointed out, it is consistent with what we do on seat belts. I would tell you that the length of the bill is probably, if you look at the amendment, we've reduced 26 pages to one paragraph and that's probably not really a fair representation. I did not deal in this amendment with the work the committee and the introducer did regarding the safety training course and all that sort of