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thing. I certainly wouldn't be opposed to revisions in all that process that the body thought was appropriate, but I would say this. A safety course, in my opinion, should be related to licensing, not to operating a motorcycle without a helmet. So the bottom line for me is that I want the state to require helmets and seat belts. I think that makes good sense as far as state policy is concerned. I would also agree that the enforcement for both should be consistent, and I would opt for the way we do it now with seat belts, that we require helmets and that we make a violation of that a secondary offense. It would, I think as a point to emphasize, it would make it clear to someone that if they chose not to wear a helmet then they would need to be careful that they obey all the other traffic laws, which I think is a strong point of it. But the strongest point is consistency. I know that the secondary offense on seat belts does not please everyone. I think there are hawks and doves, if you will. There are people that would go either way from that. But I would argue that it is a proposal that...or a part of law that has worked. As a final point, I didn't get to hear Senator Brashear speak any more, but I was going to correct. I think it was pointed out that Senator Brashear is quite a visionary person, and I agree. And he talked about his vision as riding a Harley without a helmet in his dream. I'm having a little trouble reconciling that because, knowing Senator Brashear, I think it would be frustrating because he'd have to stop every ten feet and comb his hair. But with that, I will stop and offer you...thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the amendment by Senator Raikes, AM1227, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm not sure what to make of Senator Raikes' amendment, and I'll be listening. Also, in the course of this debate, I haven't had time, like I suppose most of you haven't, to review all of the new statistical studies, so I'm listening to others who have discussed those. But I did want to talk about and ask Senator Smith to listen to and to react to my analysis of the statistics that he did pass out, because, as I understood his argument, it went to the effect that the lower number of injuries and the