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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...the number of drivers in the time period thereafter to calculate an average drop of 27 percent. I used the same kind of calculation with motorcycle fatalities on your other chart to come to an average drop of 67 percent as between those two before and after groupings.

SENATOR SMITH: I can understand that conclusion, but I would pose the potential scenarios here that could change it, and I have not done quite that analysis because of the differing factors, the differing reporting methods as well. And, you know, the safety course has been around since 1974. There's a total of 5,000 who have taken the course and 1,000 of those were in the last year. So this very debate that we're having can change a lot of habits and, as I indicated yesterday, motorcycles are made differently. And so...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I oppose this amendment and oppose the underlying bill, but it...one of the reasons we have in law things to be ticketed is because compliance increases when that happens. And you can go to the National Transportation Safety Council and they can show you why primary offense results in a stronger use of the law than secondary offense, so that's why I oppose weakening this particular law. And we do have things that you get ticketed for that if we're going to take this one off, you know, I don't know why...where we stop and start. The Rules of the Road, by the way, in statute are 182 pages of requirements. On motorcyclists, now this is kind of an interesting one, you have to ride only while sitting astride the seat facing forward. Now, I don't know what the background of this is, but I sure wouldn't want to make that a secondary offense because I think it's pretty important that if you ride on our roads you have to follow our rules, and it's a good thing to face forward and sit astride. You can't operate a motorcycle while carrying any package, bundle or other article which prevents him or her from keeping both hands on the handlebars, and you would be ticketed for that. It's something we shouldn't move to a secondary