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further lights on. Senator Raikes, you're recognized to close on your amendment, AM1227, to AM0159.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Again, this amendment would make the offense of not wearing a helmet when you ride a motorcycle exactly comparable to the offense of not wearing a seat belt when you're driving an automobile. I regard this as a middle ground. It's a place I would be willing to go. I suspect, listening to the conversation, that not many other people are willing to go there, but I would suggest you would keep this in mind because, as the debate goes on, this may be something that gains appeal. So with that, I would withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next amendment to the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is by Senator Beutler, AM1216.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on AM1216.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, I'd withdraw that amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Senator Smith, AM1234. (Legislative Journal page 1201.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, you're recognized to open on AM1234.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Very quickly, I discussed this earlier. This was drawn up as a compromise to meet I believe the spirit of Senator Beutler's concerns of the grandfathered piece would not move forward 100 percent but basically new riders over the age of 21 would still be subject to the training in order to go without that choice of wearing a helmet or not. So I won't belabor that point. I urge the adoption and as a compromise amendment.