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Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. You've heard the opening on AM1234 to the committee amendments to LB 303. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Smith, there are no lights on. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is adoption of the AM1234 to the committee amendments to LB 303. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the adoption of the Smith amendment to the committee amendments. Amendment number is AM1234. Have you all voted who care to? Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Smith's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: AM1234 was adopted.

CLERK: Senator Schimek would move to amend, AM1220. (Legislative Journal pages 1201-1202.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, to open on your amendment, AM1220.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I am not confident that the bill's sponsor would accept this amendment, but to me it's the one that makes the most sense. We've talked about the danger of motorcycles on this floor for the entire debate, and I think that there is not a question in anybody's minds, whether they're a supporter of the bill or not, that motorcycles present a different kind of risk than, say, an automobile does. The driver, or the rider, I should say, is more exposed to danger than the driver of a car under ordinary circumstances. So the gist of this amendment is to include helmets in the bill. In other words, we would continue the helmet law as is but have a more strict education guideline. And I just think that I've heard time and again on the floor support for having educated drivers and this is the gist of my amendment. I would be happy to try to answer any questions about it, but I think it's pretty self-explanatory. With that, Mr. President, I return my time to the Chair.