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even come up to me and say that wearing a helmet doesn't provide protection, that doesn't provide protection for head injury, that doesn't provide protection from deaths. I think we have empirical evidence that it does. I would just urge the body to not advance LB 303. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Further discussion on advancement of LB 303? Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I just have a few quick questions of Senator Smith. And, Senator Smith, the bill has been amended several times and I just want to make sure that everybody knows where we are now. First of all, the provisions are, if you choose not to wear a helmet, the provisions are now, as amended, are they...they are not exactly the same as they were in the original committee amendment. Correct?

SENATOR SMITH: That is correct.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Can you explain? Can you go over the provisions? If I were a motorcycle rider and I chose not to wear my helmet, what would I now have to do, according to the amended bill?

SENATOR SMITH: Are you a new rider or are you an experienced rider?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, I'll be both, for the sake of...

SENATOR SMITH: Okay.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...explanation.

SENATOR SMITH: Sure, and that's important because that has been part of the debate here. If you want to choose to go without a helmet, with the amendments that have been attached, you need to be 21 years of age, take the two-day training course, wear protective eyewear, provide or supply proof of health insurance, and those conditions. Now, the caveat is there was originally that everyone was grandfathered if they were over the age of 21