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be aware of that. And it is going to require some other things like health insurance and so forth, which is good. I guess, Senator Smith, you probably couldn't have made this bill better for me in order to vote for it, because I do believe the helmets are a very necessary item.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: You know, I have little children in my neighborhood who wear helmets when they ride their little bicycles. If they see people running around on the streets of Lincoln or the streets of the state who are on motorcycles, a powerful machine, it doesn't provide a very good example for them either. So for a multitude of reasons which have already been stressed on this floor, I have to vote against the bill and only wish that we could afford to have the education component in there for everyone. That would make it, in my estimation, it would make a bad bill better. So thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the Legislature, some of my friends would love to ride their motorcycle without a helmet. I'm going to vote against this bill because they are my friends and I want to keep them around awhile. And if I can keep their helmets on, they have a lot better chance of survival than without one. I want to keep you around so you can keep sending me e-mails and letters telling me why you should ride without a helmet. I have historically opposed this type of legislation and I will continue to do so, because I like the people that I'm associated with. They love to ride motorcycles and, as I've stated before, at one point in my life I thought that was the greatest thing since sliced bread also. But knowing now...if I would have known then what I know now about what can happen to someone when they hit the pavement going 55-60 mile an hour, devastating. And the reason I'm going to oppose this legislation is because I want to keep those customers and friends of mine alive so they can have families and have grandchildren and enjoy things in life like I have. I learned the lesson years ago and I hope that people who think I