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people. This is trying to set state safety standards for a healthier Nebraska. Thank you.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. I also had the Iowa statistics and I think they're very meaningful because 46 of the 50 states, the map doesn't tell you everything that was passed out by Senator Smith; 46 of the 50 states have some type of motorcycle helmet legislation. Now only Iowa, Illinois, Louisiana and Colorado have no motorcycle helmet law. Twenty-three states require helmet use for all riders and passengers, while 23 require helmets only for riders under age 18. Now I don't have the information I'd like to see if they have a secondary offense in those 23 states also. But as you look back, look at Iowa, which is our neighbor, and as Senator Thompson so aptly pointed out what has happened in Iowa as far as motorcycle deaths are concerned relative to some of the other states. And it's mind-boggling, the number of people that have been killed while riding motorcycles in Iowa without using helmets. I want to back up a little bit to talk about what some of the statistics were prior to Nebraska initiating its motorcycle helmet law. In the mid-1980s, and I'm going to compare statistics from '84 to '88 prior to our helmet law, motorcycle fatalities in Nebraska: in '84, 25 dead, 22 of those were helmetless; in '85, 26 dead, 22 helmetless; in '86, 23 dead, all of them helmetless; in '87, 30 dead, 28 helmetless; in 1988, 20 dead, 18 helmetless. After the helmet law was passed, effective January 1st of 1989, the first year, 13 dead, 5 of those helmets were not properly worn. In 1990, it's dropped to 6 deaths; 1991, jumped to 15, 7 of those were not wearing helmets in spite of the law: '92, 9 dead; '93, 7 dead; '94, 11 dead. It goes on like that, in '95, 6; '96, 5; '97, 5; '98, 6; '99, 7, 3 with no helmets on. I think this is significant. I don't think that...I mean even myself can look at this and look at what happened when we put the helmet law into effect. Now are we taking away that magic personal responsibility? Yeah, we did. Did we as a matter of making good policy save lives? I think it's undoubtable. I think the evidence can't be reputed that, yes, we did. Helmets do work. When we get into the financial picture of this, it's huge, and