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for uninsured care, the cost to our...the people on private insurance to make up for the uninsured care, and the cost to our Medicaid program, the cost to our local courts, our local law enforcement. This bill does have a fiscal impact, and...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I have been listening very closely to the comments that have been made, but I would like to continue into a little bit of a dialogue with Senator Byars, if he would respond.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, would you respond?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Some of the comparisons that you made before was about the amount of deaths since we've enacted the helmet law in comparison to other years prior to that. Is there any statistics as far as injuries, head injuries that have had a...that have come because the helmet law in comparison to not having a helmet law? And we're talking about deaths all the time, but in my opinion I need to have that research and those statistics go one step further. Are there people that have had severe brain injuries, severe head injuries that are, you know, they are in the hospitals and been a real cost just because they've been wearing a helmet? Is there anything like that or any statistics available?

SENATOR BYARS: There are statistics that relate the number of injuries per thousand of motorcycle registrations in the years prior to and the years since the helmet law has gone into effect. Yes, and I am intending to give those statistics to the body. Do you want me to give some of them now?

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Not right at the present time. But that