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goes...that is only what you call injuries. What I would like to know is, you know, are there any, you know, massive head injuries to these people that they have almost been to the point where, you know, they are not functional in normal day living in comparison to just an injury or the death? You know, there is kind of a fine line between what I'm trying to get at. But it...I just have a problem, you know, believing all of these statistics when it really doesn't go far enough, and I am sure there is probably a lot of people, you know, that, no, they weren't killed, you know, because they had a helmet on. But have they sustained such massive head injuries because they had the head...the helmet on that they are, you know, not able to be back into society? Those are the things that I have a real concern with. So with that, those are my comments and I will let Senator Byars give some other comments, but the portion of my time that I have remaining, I will give those to Senator Smith, if he wants them.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, a little over two minutes.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Stuthman, appreciate that. Again, I will refuse...I do refuse to let folks mischaracterize the situation. Nothing in LB 303 prevents or prohibits anyone from wearing a helmet. Nothing. If LB 303 passes, and there is a large amount of support for it, no one will be prohibited from wearing a helmet. Now I could read all the e-mails I've gotten in support of LB 303. I won't do that. In fact, it reminds me last year when Senator Chambers scolded another member for filibustering but it wasn't very entertaining. So I hope that this filibuster can at least be entertaining. Nonetheless, I'm thinking about next year's omnibus safety bill. And in that omnibus safety bill, you might see things like a ban on trampolines. Now insurance companies, they already refuse to offer coverage to homeowners, some insurance companies do, if they have a trampoline. Trampolines are very...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...dangerous; no ban on them yet. French fries, well, some people call them freedom fries now, but those fattening but tasty items that support agriculture, by the way,