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they are bad for us. And if we did a study, we could show how many deaths occur every year because of French fries or freedom fries, Senator Stuthman. Or how about mandating every single big wheel rider in Nebraska to wear a helmet at whatever age. Head injuries could occur from riding a big wheel. Let's make sure they wear a helmet. No, that just doesn't make sense. I am trying to look at an issue to bring about something that says let's treat motorcyclists like we treat everyone else.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I want to answer a question that I didn't have anything but a presumptive answer for Senator Smith earlier. He asked about legislation or law in those states that I referred to. Those are laws. These are laws on the books. It is not just legislation that is pay...that is pending. Also I didn't include the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico also require helmet use of all motorcycle operators and passengers. But, Senator Stuthman, I do want to address your question because I think it's a legitimate question. And it is one that I think we, as policymakers, need to base our decisions on, and not just a matter of where do we give personal responsibility to people, where do we say, you have to make your own decisions, and where is it that it costs the taxpayers of this state an inordinate amount of money and that we have to take action? I've received some information from Theresa Huber, who is the Injury Prevention Coordinator at the Omaha Trauma Centers at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and she gives me a web site so we can go to that for additional information, if you want to do that. But it's a study of the conclusions from the cost of injuries resulting from motorcycle crashes, which I think is what you asked. Number one, only slightly more than half of motorcycle crash victims have private health insurance coverage. We know what that means, the other half then become an expense to the state. From the Family Care Giver Alliance, again I've got a web site for you, comes the following facts