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the driver's license in the wallet a primary offense...or if someone didn't have a driver's license, if we made that a primary offense, if we told law enforcement if you suspect that someone doesn't have a driver's license in their pocket or at all, pull them over. Now we have all sorts of secondary offenses on the books. Headlights during the daytime, do we assume that they don't work because they are not on? No. At nighttime, it's a little different. We have all sorts of secondary offenses on the books and that's why I want to treat motorcyclists like we treat everyone else and LB 303 does exactly that. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Hartnett, on the Byars amendment.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to continue the article from the New York Times. I think when I left it the last time I was to speak I was talking, Mr. Dickey who is the ABATE president in Michigan. The reason that Mr. Dickey doesn't wear helmets is because he found them too constrictive, causing his eyeglasses to fog up in the winter, and so they hinder his hearing. He often rides across the border to Delaware for lunch so he can remove his helmet, though he insists that feeling the wind whip through his hair is not a motive. I don't have much hair left the wind blowing through, he said. Other interested parties see helmet as a common sense. Michael Dabbs, president of the Brain Injury Association of Michigan, a group formed by people with brain injuries or their families, said: In this day of age of rising health care costs, we don't need to needlessly have more people go through the emergency room. We simply need to save lives. Manufacturers tend to take a quiet middle ground and emphasize the need for more rider training and less drunk driving. Tim Buche, president of Motorcycle Safety Foundation, financed by manufacturers, said: A helmet is an absolutely critical component of a protective gear set that motorcyclists should wear, but he added, we don't bring any pressure to bear on states or organizations with respect to laws. Michigan is the latest state to consider repealing its universal helmet law, and debate there highlights confusion that surrounds the issue. Two state representatives, both Republicans, have sponsored bills to