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SENATOR JOHNSON:      Could you give me your qualifications? Are you an epidemiologist? Are you trained in statistics, or could you help us in that way?

SENATOR SMITH:      Senator, my qualifications are that I was elected by several thousand people to put forth ideas here in the Legislature. You might question my qualifications and tell me that I'm unqualified. Before I get too far, I'll just...I'll begin by saying that I resent that.

SENATOR JOHNSON:      Sir, I asked what your qualifications were regarding the statistics that you have presented and will present. I want to know if you are trained in giving statistics.

SENATOR SMITH:      Senator Johnson,...

SENATOR JOHNSON:      It is not meant as an insult. I think the body has the right to know that.

SENATOR SMITH:      I use numbers from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety. I use common sense. Now, I see where you said that this bill...I heard just now that...where you said this bill is intended to remove helmets. That's misleading. I'm not sure where you got the 1.7 percent. Can I ask you where you got the 1.7 percent?

SENATOR JOHNSON:      Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      One minute.

SENATOR JOHNSON:      The number is 987 out of 58,000. The...before we use up my time,...

SENATOR SMITH:      Fifty-eight thousand what?

SENATOR JOHNSON:      Can we...before we use up my time with your long answer, would "no" be the right answer? You've had no statistical training. Is that right?

SENATOR SMITH:      I've had statistical training. I've had college