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courses in statistics.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Are you trained as an...

SENATOR SMITH: The answer is, yes, I'm qualified to put forth  
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SENATOR JOHNSON: Are you trained as an epidemiologist?

SENATOR SMITH: An epidemiologist? No, I'm not an  
epidemiologist. I'm not a doctor.

SENATOR JOHNSON: You don't have to be a doctor to be an  
epidemiologist. What I want to know is, taking statistics from  
any agency, hand-picking them here and there, and saying this  
proves this,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR JOHNSON: ...this proves this,...thank you, sir.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. On with  
discussion. Senator Foley.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Last  
biennium, my two-day committee assignment was on the Banking,  
Commerce and Insurance Committee. And when we came into the new  
biennium, I had to make a decision as to whether or not I would  
forego the exhilaration of continuing to serve on that  
committee, or perhaps make a committee change. And it was a  
difficult decision, because it's...there are many days when  
you're just riveted in your chair at the Banking (laugh)...I can  
hardly say it without laughing. But it was a good assignment.  
Glad I did it. But I'm glad I'm not there anymore, because I  
think the Transportation Committee is a better fit for my  
interests and my background. And I heard this bill in  
committee. And the bill, of course, has been offered a number  
of times. I heard it in committee for the first time in my  
experience here. And I want to state up front that I have great  
respect for Senator Smith. He's done his homework on this bill,  
and he's amply qualified. He is amply qualified to speak to the