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uneasy. I've struggled with that, in terms of the whole LB 70 issue. But I've arrived at the fact where we can make up a lot...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...more dollars through building our economy to offset those dollars that might be incurred elsewhere with the costs. And I am in the process of handing around a chart that shows how our neighboring states...and I point to Iowa, because the safety course is much more prevalent there. The safety course is prevalent, available, and may have fewer fatalities per registered vehicle than we have here in Nebraska. I realize I might be unqualified to state any statistics. Those are the numbers. Those are the numbers. I hope the numbers speak for themselves. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Mr. Clerk, announcement, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Urban Affairs Committee will meet underneath the north balcony at 11:00; Urban Affairs, 11:00, south balcony, excuse me, south balcony.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Further discussion? Senator Jensen, followed by Senators Kruse, Byars, Johnson, Price, Schimek, Smith, and Chambers. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. You know, 11 years ago, when I came into the Legislature, I really...my first choice was not to serve on the Health Committee. I'll admit that. But after being on Health Committee and looking at the things that we do for public safety, there is no way that I can support a repeal of the helmet law. And just looking back at what we as a state have done, in...a few years ago, in the Health Committee, we added another test for newborn screening. The numbers of individuals who would require or who might need that test were small. But yet, we felt and the Legislature felt that this is a test that needed to be done for the safety of all of its citizens, for those that were affected, as well as those that were not