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just am not going to be voting for this. I respect Senator Smith for his introducing of this and for his passion for this bill. But I am so, so opposed to this, because it is a wrong choice for Nebraska. I have received the e-mails from people who travel across our state and are wearing helmets in the heat of the summer as they go to Sturgis. I've been to Sturgis at a time when the motorcyclists were there. It's a great, great time up there for them. And again, these people are being responsible as they go across our highways and our byways. And, yes, they do contribute to the economy as they stop and eat, or buy gasoline here in our state. But I don't think removing the helmet for the sake of improving our economy is going to make that much difference. Again, I stand in front of you and I am in...I hope I didn't ruin anybody. I tried to do this before lunch so "blood and guts" wouldn't upset your lunch. But anyhow, I just am so passionately opposed to this piece of legislation. And I return my time to the Chair, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Price. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I hope that we can come upon some information that is not based on speculation and not based on the fact...or, on speculation that every single motorcyclist is on Medicaid. It's interesting that motorcyclists who have insurance...I mean, the...and we have mandatory liability insurance. But motorcyclists...the insurance companies themselves have motorcyclists rated in a separate category. So those motorcyclists are bearing the burden that...I will exist (sic), motor...riding a motorcycle is not as safe as riding a car. I admit it, right up front. We're going to have motorcycles on the roads, streets, highways of Nebraska and, like it or not, we're going to have more of them, based on the fact that fuel is becoming so expensive. So we have the opportunity to encourage some safety here, some safety education, encourage responsibility, and at the same time building our economy. I...it would be a little difficult here to have an exchange with Senator Kruse. But I would say that his numbers are based on speculation. Health and Human Services themselves doesn't even track the cost to the system directly as a result of motorcycle accidents. What does that say? I