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SENATOR SMITH: ...a trade-off. It is a trade-off, but that is reasonable. Senator Jensen said that the helmet law is similar to having stop signs and speed limits. (Laugh) You know, I would like to bring into this discussion traffic accident investigators, because I think that they will point to the fact that a stop sign serves a far different public purpose than a motorcycle helmet mandate. And I didn't see, or didn't hear on Senator Schimek's list anyone associated with accident investigations. Because they would tell you, as the numbers do, that helmets, while can be effective--I will say that, they can be effective--but they are not as effective as some would hope, and certainly point to, because that is...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: ...certainly inaccurate. Thank you, (microphone malfunction)...

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I support Senator Smith's bill. I've always supported bills of this kind. When we were talking about the tobacco bill, the smoking, some of the senators said, tongue in cheek, or sarcastically, ban tobacco. Well, ban motorcycles. If motorcycles are inherently dangerous, ban them. That's not going to happen. They are motor vehicles. They are legal. A person can be licensed to operate one. The person should be allowed to operate that vehicle without interference from the state, so long as the operation of it does not endanger anybody else. I will not be riding with Senator Foley in the passenger seat of his automobile, in view of what I heard him say about disabling the air bags. I certainly won't do it before April 25, at which time I'll set a record that nobody can possibly break. Sometimes people of Senator Foley's bent will try to step in and change the course of history. But I'm not going to make it easy for him to do this. Now, he might run over me on the street, but I won't ride in his vehicle. Statistics don't sway me. You will never hear me get on the floor and try to use as a compelling argument the notion that other states are doing this or that or the other. Many of the