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there were gentlemen driving right beside me with motorcycles, with no helmets on. And amazingly enough, they didn't all of a sudden just die. Because that's what you're being told by the opposition to this bill. The logic doesn't follow the arguments. Senator Jensen made a great argument. We have young people traveling throughout our communities wearing helmets on their bicycles. There's no state law that requires that. There would be no state law that would require helmets if Senator Smith's bill passes. But you know what? You would still have people wearing helmets. And I know that because other people in other states continue to do it, even though they have the option. So these arguments, these herrings, about people saying, well, we wouldn't have anybody wearing helmets and we wouldn't have anybody that would be protected, in light of the fact that helmets are tested at 13 miles an hour, I mean, get a...get real, people. Are we seriously talking about the policy that's before us? I guess I'm...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...kind of like Senator Smith. I'm...I guess I'm amazed at how quickly the discussion can deteriorate from reality to where we are at this moment. I think when you look at whatever information that's before you, and whoever your allegiances are to, you're going to vote for or against the bill. I, frankly, am in favor of the bill because I think it makes sense. I think it makes sense to have an opportunity for individuals to have education, for those individuals who would seek that education to fund it fully by themselves, which is what Senator Smith is intending to do with his amendment, and then ultimately allow them to make that decision. And any other issue on this floor of the Legislature allowing individuals a choice would be cherished. But evidently not in this circumstance. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'm sure we've all forgotten that we are working on the Smith amendment, which I do support, but not the bill. There were some things that were said earlier in the discussion about the