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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...very quiet kind of activity. I'm not sure that did Charleston, South Carolina, any good at all. And maybe that's an isolated incident. But be careful what you wish for, I would recommend. Again, I don't think this bill should be about economic development. That might be a by-product. But the important thing to keep your eye on are the statistics and the health and safety reasons for having helmet laws in the first place. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President, members. This bill, obviously, came out of the Transportation Committee, and I support it. I will commend Senator Smith. We discussed this before the hearing to try and get a couple, three people to testify in support of it, do a good job. They did. We could have filled the room with supporters of LB 70, there's no question about it. But Senator Smith did a good job of managing the bill in the committee, and I commend him for that. I'm going to lay some foundation here. I'm going to put...present some numbers to you that were in the hearing. It's in the transcripts. My background is, my mother taught math, high school math, for 28 years. She taught me well. Probability and statistics, for me, was always a fun class, whether high school, college, whatever. I still enjoy working with numbers. The numbers I'm going to present to you were presented to the committee in hearing. The death rate per 10,000 riders...I'm going to raise my voice here a bit...the death rate per 10,000 riders in Nebraska is 5.85. That's the highest of any state in the Midwest, and we're the only state with the mandatory helmet law; 5.85 deaths per 10,000 registered motorcycle riders in Nebraska. Iowa, no helmet law, 2.68. But they have education requirements in Iowa. South Dakota, 3.43; Wyoming, 2.61; Kansas, 2.43. My point is, we have twice the higher...twice as high a fatality rate per 10,000 riders in Nebraska of any state around us, and we have the only mandatory helmet law. Now, if you're going to dispute my figures, don't tell me yours. I'm not going to listen to them. These were undisputed in the