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matter of fact. Maybe, just maybe perhaps we should wait until that study is done to look at this issue and then we could have the proper figures that Senator Smith, I think, is looking to have and should have.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: This is my third time on this amendment. I can't speak anymore. The only thing I can say is that other states, where they've repealed it, they've seen it go right back up again. And these are lives, these are injuries that we don't have to occur here in this state if we keep our helmet law the way it is. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Just want to start with a little story. I've already mentioned having dinner with the women physicians a few weeks ago, maybe just two weeks ago, and I told you one story from the dinner. At the dinner, each physician was asked, and senator was asked, to stand up and tell a little bit about themselves. For us, it was our priority bill, what we were working on; for them it was what their job was. And I was struck by the woman who stood up and said, I'm the plastic surgeon you don't want to see; I'm the one who repairs the skulls and scalps when people not wearing motorcycle helmets come into the ER. And she also said the other work she does is repairing lung walls for smokers. So obviously this Legislature debates a lot of things that are of concern to the medical community. I mean, in her case, we'd be taking away some of her life work, but there are many other things that we should be concentrating on, like chronic disease and other preventable diseases that are issues that cost us money, as taxpayers, result in lost wages to families, and result in our overall budget being expensive. Senator Baker is referring to some raw statistics and several senators on both sides refer to those. But I caution the body that what we need to look at is scientific analysis of our...of studies and that will tell you the difference between wearing helmets and not wearing helmets, having safety training and not having safety training. I support Senator Smith's amendment as