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individual's choice as what they want to do with that, with the information that they do have. And with that, I'll return the balance of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Johnson, and this will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, a couple of things: First of all, let's remember where we're at and we're talking about the Smith amendment to the bill requiring the training. As I said when I started out, I think this is a very good direction for this bill to be going. We need the training. I support the training. It will help. The problem is it helps you avoid the accident, but once the accident happens all the training in the world isn't going to protect your head. A helmet does. Now let's talk about a couple things and, Senator Baker, just a couple things about the raw statistics that were brought up, and I can't remember by whom, in the committee hearing. As I actually was curious about these numbers as well, because if you look at just the raw data it does look like Nebraska is the worst of the bunch. And so I ran this by people trained in statistical analysis and epidemiology, those two bad words that I mentioned when I first stood up, and they said, well, these are just raw numbers; there are other factors available or there are other factors that make your answer dependent on the other factors and so that you can't just take these raw numbers and apply them as they are. You can be an awfully good mathematician, but it's the training in the statistics at what other information you need that makes them valid statistics, and that's why I talked about epidemiology and statistical analysis to start with. So, from what I can find out, those numbers, really, you can't use them. What all these different sources that I've talked to do say is the best thing you can do is to compare a state when they have a helmet law and get rid of the helmet laws or, vice versa, they don't have a helmet law and then put one in. And all of these organizations, and we're not talking biased organizations, here are a list of 50 national organizations, 50 national organizations that say wearing helmets is the best thing that you can do when you have an accident; not just a few local groups, not just a couple of insurance companies who knows what they're up to, but 50