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and I used to go over there and look at all the motorcycles that were in there and they all...I have to have one of those things. I have to have one of those motorcycles. So my father finally consented that I could buy this motorcycle. Well, on my way home I had to swing through Fremont to see if any of the motorcyclers were out riding around. Well, I came to a dead end and the brake rod at that time, there was just a one rod went to the back wheel for your brakes. Well, that happened to...well, the price I paid for the motorcycle, it couldn't have been that secure of a vehicle. But the rod fell off and I hit the curb on 13th Street and Nye Avenue. And in that area there was a seminary there, a Lutheran Theological Seminary. Well, I thought if I have to have an accident, at least I'll be close to some of the men of God. I hit it pretty hard and I rolled about halfway up to that seminary, and the first thing I did was check all my limbs to see if they were broken. And I was very...I was young and apparently fairly flexible. I'd hate to try that today. I'm sure I would not survive that. But I'm just talking about a few of the incidents that happened to me with motorcycles. And there again, I think...in my opinion, you know, there are a lot of responsible people out there and I believe that if they are responsible enough, they would wear a helmet. But there again, if you...going back to smoking, if you're responsible and you don't like smoke, you know smoke will kill you, you won't go into a place where there's smoking. If you have a little better chance wearing a helmet and surviving...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...a crash with a motorcycle, you know, I definitely would wear one. But there again, you go back to that, to the choice. So, Senator Smith, you know, I have always been an opponent of this legislation, but the longer we talk, you know, I might be able to be swayed. I'm going to wait and see what the rest of the body, how they feel. And within another six hours, quite possibly a decision will be rendered, and hopefully it will be the right one. I hate to see us taking care...I understand what Senator Jensen and Senator Byars are talking about. The cost to society is going to be greater in this state. You are going to have more people injured. But