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college and pros--that stem directly from the way the helmet interacts with the person's neck and spinal cord. helmets, as heavy as they are and as engineered as they are, cannot provide protection all the time, and the wearer is not moving at anywhere the speed that somebody on a motorcycle is, why in the world kid yourself with the notion that these flimsy head coverings are somehow going to shield somebody from serious injury or death? Let's say that I rode into that wall in front of us at 100 miles an hour--stop cheering, I'm not going to do it--I said suppose; this is speculative--at 100 miles an hour on a motorcycle. And let's say I don't get a head injury. think I'm going to survive it? Every bone in my body is shattered, every bone, Senator Jensen. Why, you could put the bones together in the "valley of the dry bones" together easier than Senator Johnson could reconstruct my shattered bones. he knows that all these bits and pieces come from one individual and he couldn't put them together again, like all the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put Humpty together So you keep talking about the head. There are people who die in motorcycle accidents from injuries that don't involve the head. Are you all forgetting that? The head doesn't make up but about one-eighth of a person's body, the size. I'm not going to go into the weight differential and ratio, nor the volume of the head.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But that's all you all are worried about. Let people who are licensed to drive these motorcycles drive them however they please in terms of what they're wearing or not wearing; talking about helmets, of course. Maybe if somebody gets their head smashed, then you can pick up the contents in the helmet. Maybe and maybe not, some of it would spill out. But somebody mentioned something that fascinated me this morning and maybe they'll go into more detail and explain it to me. How do you get blood and guts out of a head? They talked about blood and guts out of...because somebody didn't wear a helmet, and that's what coming out of their head. (Laughter) This is an interesting place. I think I'm going to figuratively get back on my motorcycle and continue that slow, leisurely drive through the countryside. Thank you, Mr. President.