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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, there are several more studies I want to go through a little bit with people because I think they do have some meaning. One of the interesting comments, though, I thought earlier was Senator Baker's relating how his relative took a safety course, a motorcycle safety course, and went through the course and the course recommended wearing a helmet. And Senator Baker's relative and his spouse apparently always wear their helmets. It is also the case, as reported in a number of states that no longer have a mandatory law, that 30, 40 and 50 percent of the riders still wear their helmets. So apparently, at least that percentage of people who ride motorcycles believe that wearing a helmet is not a bad thing and, in fact, is a good thing, and probably could care less whether we have a mandatory law or not because they're going to do it because it makes good sense. So who wants this bill? It's not the people who don't ride motorcycles because overwhelmingly, whether it's right or wrong, overwhelmingly they support requiring motorcyclists...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to wear helmets. They don't want to hit somebody on a motorcycle and have them go flying into a tree and post and kill themselves. Overwhelmingly, every survey you've ever seen, the public is in favor of the helmet law. So if almost all nonriders are in favor of a helmet law, and someplace between a third and half of riders are in favor of the helmet law, I'm questioning how many people out there really are against the helmet law. With that point, I think I will end until my next time, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler and Senator Price. Senator Erdman, followed by Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature. I rise in opposition to Senator Beutler's FA149, and I'll leave it at that. I do have some interesting observations that were brought up this morning, and I would like to follow up on what Senator Schimek spoke of from her visit to