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know, I'd be more than happy to mandate the course as long as we keep mandating helmets. That's all about control. Let's step back a little bit. Let's step back and say we want for you to be more highly trained because you're going to be better at avoiding an accident to begin with, and dodging the irresponsible car driver that is generally the case, and then we can exchange that personal freedom, that personal decision which, as Senator Beutler has alluded to, I would say more than a majority of folks are still going to wear a helmet, even though they're not required to, and I have a lot of correspondence to back that up. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Byars, followed by Senator Chambers and eight others.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I would like to have Senator Baker yield to a question. He's at Senator Thompson's desk. I'll wait for him to get back. But in the meantime, I wanted to thank Senator Smith for offering to put mandatory seat belts into this bill, but I told him it just probably wouldn't be acceptable, even though Senator Chambers encouraged us to do that. I'm being facetious. Senator Baker, we (inaudible) process that have been here for a while try to limit those people who come in, in favor or opposed to various forms of legislation, and you and Senator Smith have both alluded from time to time about limiting those number of people to come in and I think that's great. The question I have, however, the opponents represented a huge list of organizations in opposition, and you talk about these people you limited to come in, but you didn't...haven't told us any organizations. Now we could have brought in hundreds of people from PRIDE and from MADD and from the medical association, the hospital association, the same as you, if we wanted to do that. Can you tell me the organizations who were in favor of this legislation other than ABATE?

SENATOR BAKER: I would say the majority of the motorcycle riders in the state of Nebraska, whether an organization or not, are probably in favor of this bill, and not organized like these other groups, though.