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SENATOR BYARS: Okay. So they're individuals and, of course, you will also admit that we could have done exactly the same thing if we chose to pack the room with hundreds, if not thousands, of individuals. But they were definitely representing very credible organizations, not just one. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR BAKER: No, you're correct.

SENATOR BYARS: Okay. I appreciate that, and thank you, Senator Baker. I think the crux of the argument of the opponents of Senator Beutler's amendment, and I stand in favor of it, I think, Senator Smith, this is a wonderful compromise. You know, the whole basis, the whole basis of your argument in favor of the bill is education. That's where it comes down to every time. We all agree. Let's get education. What we can't agree upon is eliminating those motorcycle helmets and, you know, I don't think we're going to, and I think probably the motorcyclists of this state are going to be better off if they would take this compromise because I think probably it's all they're going to get in this legislative session. I think it's a good compromise and I support Senator Beutler's amendment, and I'll yield the balance of my time to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, about 2, 30.

SENATOR BEUTLER: How much time, Senator Cudaback?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Two, thirty-two; two, thirty-one.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Byars, thank you for the time. There was a study done with respect to Kentucky, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas when they, back in the years 1998, 1999 and 1997, repealed their motorcycle helmet laws. And in those years, by those years, remember the registrations were going back up as far as the trend line was concerned. And before I read to you the conclusions of that particular study, let me also read you or recite to you this little portion having to do with the use of helmets once the laws were repealed in Kentucky and Louisiana. In Kentucky, before they repealed their law, there