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when the state is going to force people to wear a helmet. First of all, I would like to hear anybody on this floor stand up and tell me that all helmets that motorcyclists wear, and are not stopped by the police, meet the same high standard which the one who on this floor would defend helmets would say that they're required to meet. Everybody knows that is not the case. You are dealing with a sham. When the Legislature puts a sham in place, it causes a loss of respect for all of the law. Senator Beutler and others have mentioned some of these various agencies, especially of the government. They mentioned that adjunct to Hell. I don't mean that as a bad word, but the place where all the wicked things go and live. That's what the insurance industry is. They suddenly are going to invoke the insurance industry, and they want to ask us what ulterior motive could they have in being in favor of mandatory helmets. The question I would ask is this. Why are not those institutions insisting that a certain level of quality be maintained for every helmet that a motorcyclist wears? You know what some people will say? Well, the police can't stop everybody; you can't enforce that. If you can't enforce it, get rid of it. It's not a law. A proper law is one that's enacted in accord with the requirements laid down by the constitution for the enactment of laws. But in a broader and deeper sense, it must be a statement of a principle which is handed down by one who has the authority to use force, if necessary, to compel obedience and compliance. Now when you say a law cannot be enforced by the state, it means that the law is a "nonlaw," it is a sham, and you all are shamming here. You're making good talks. You're giving splendid arguments, but you are ignoring the reality. What we do should address an existing evil which the law that we put in place will address and remedy or at least mitigate. By requiring people to wear helmets, you're not doing anything that is worthy of a Legislature because the quality of the helmet is not taken into consideration. You might put something in the statute, so you feel good, about how the helmet must be structured. But the law is not going to be enforced. It cannot be enforced, so why do you put it on the books? Who are you trying to make feel good? I don't care what anybody thinks of me because I am opposed to mandating the wearing of helmets while riding a motorcycle. Yeah, I'm agin it and I will fight agin it every time I have the opportunity, again and again