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enough, that the information is not agreed upon. Maybe the correct course for this bill would be to adopt this amendment, to move the bill on to Select File, and then to gather up all the statistical information of one type or another, from one side or the other, and see if we can reach agreement on the facts, see if we can sort through all this information and agree upon what it means, and then act accordingly, or then come back to the Legislature next year with the information sorted through, and give a report to the Legislature on what we found, and let the Legislature decide next year whether they want to put a repeal of the helmet provision back in the law or not. We obviously are not going to reach agreement this year. I don't know if Senator Smith has even 25 votes, but he may have. But from what I've heard on the floor, he doesn't have much more than that. This is going to continue to hold up our agenda. I'm thinking that the best course is to take that helmet provision out, move the bill along, and give the Legislature and the legislative staff and the public time to get together and sort through the information and see...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...where we really are on those issues. Because I do think that most of us, including myself, want to act on the facts. I am troubled by one set of information that Senator Smith has given us that I can't entirely explain. But even though I can't explain that, I see numerous other pieces of evidence that suggest the contrary. And so it seems to me that we shouldn't be acting on this bill, at least without further, additional, valid, tested, and considered information. If you feel like you have a lot of good information, I...you know, I think I would just ask that to every person that wants to vote on this. Do you really feel like you have adequate information to say that helmets should come off? I don't think you can say that, from what I've heard on the floor.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Mines, followed by Senator Redfield