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and Senator Schrock. Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President. I call the question on FA149.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: The question before the body is, shall debate cease? Do I see five hands? The Chair recognizes five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on FA149? All those in favor vote yea; opposed, nay. Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Call the house, Mr. President. Oh, waive the house, waive the house.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, let me simply remind you, first of all, what the amendment would do. It would not take out of the bill any of the education provisions. All of the argument today on the floor has been in favor of the education provisions. I would certainly vote for this bill all the way through the process with its education provisions. Those provisions can be nothing but helpful. What it does take out of the bill is the one section that would take away the requirement to wear helmets. Everything, almost everything, the large predominance of what is out there and what you have heard today, in terms of attempts to make meaningful information, to make meaningful information related to this issue, reaffirms what everybody's common sense would tell them, that some kind of helmet between the tissue of the head and the pavement is probably going to make some kind of difference. Will it make a little bit of difference or a lot of difference? We can argue about that. But when people talk about commonsense legislation, I think that's what they're talking about. Everybody understands that it can make some difference. You have heard very little that would tell you it makes no difference. And so I suggest to you, if this Legislature and what we do is going to be based on our