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talked to individuals who have gone through training courses before. And as a matter of fact, one of them who's a friend of mine had a new Harley, and so he wanted to go through and take the proper course. And after he had taken the course--and, yes, he passed his license--and within a week, he sold his motorcycle. In other words, the training was more than what he anticipated, and also, the requirements of driving a motorcycle was more than what he anticipated. And if we are to have individuals riding motorcycles, I think the best thing we can do is ensure that they have the proper training. It's not all that strenuous to do. It requires a little time. And it's certainly...the safety factor does improve. And I don't think there's anybody that I've heard here today who said that training shouldn't be required, that training shouldn't be strengthened. And as a matter of fact, we heard that Iowa's training is better than what Nebraska's is. But I think if we had proper training, we would certainly also see fatalities, we'd see injuries drop. For those reasons, I would certainly ask your approval to AM1106. Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Jensen. We'll now recognize Senator Redfield, followed by Senator Schrock and Senator Schimek.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. I am not going to support Senator Jensen's amendment, because, again, it strikes a portion of the bill. And I believe it's an important portion of the bill. It's interesting, in the discussion, you would think that LB 70 banned the wearing of a helmet when you ride a motorcycle in Nebraska. In fact, it does not. It says that if you have jumped through all the hoops and you've received the training and the license, that then the choice will be up to you. And if you're smart, you probably will still wear a helmet. If you're smart enough to take the course, you're probably smart enough to put the helmet on. I think the issue here is whether or not we actually think the people of Nebraska are smart enough to make a choice for themselves. If we don't think people are smart enough, then we're going to create all kinds of rules and regulations, and we're going to say, you can't do this and you