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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...dropping in California 37 percent. Their registrations went down by 50 percent. They were reduced by 50 percent, their registrations were. So accidents and injuries are bound to be reduced, they're bound to fall by...when there are fewer motorcycles on the road, sure, there will be fewer accidents. If there are fewer vehicles, cars on the road, there will be fewer car accidents, fewer deaths due to car accidents. That's logic. Let's move forward with LB 70. It's a compromise. And we can make a large number of people happy, all across Nebraska. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield and Senator Smith. On with discussion. Senator Schrock, followed by Senator Schimek and others.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I wasn't going to speak on this issue. But I thought, well, I'd just as well add my two cents worth. I do support Senator Smith. And when you look at the map, you see that Nebraska is about the only state that requires people to wear helmets. And there probably isn't a community in this state that wouldn't like to have an event like they have at the rally in Sturgis, South Dakota. And I do believe motorcyclists do avoid this state. I happened to be in South Dakota one weekend when the rally was going on. And we would love to have that many people come to Nebraska. Now, I believe it's not just Sturgis, South Dakota. They go there because of the Black Hills, also. But one thing that hasn't been brought up, I was successful a few years ago in sponsoring a bill on organ donors. And if we are going to have motorcyclists ride these motorcycles without helmets, why not make them carry a donor card? I carry a donor card. And there's always room for...we always need more body parts. There's a lot of recipients that could use body parts. And if we're going to allow people to ride...and I do support Senator Smith in this. But if they're going to ride a motorcycle without a helmet, let's make them carry a donor card. It just makes sense. We can harvest the parts. And for those