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we currently have in Nebraska. I've spent some time with interested individuals over the last couple of days saying, you know, do we have to have LB 70 in its current fashion? What can we look for? And so I would like the opportunity to sit down and speak further with Senator Jensen. It's kind of hard on the mike here. I will comment candidly on the 30-day issue contained on page 2 of the amendment that the provisions of subdivision (13) of Section 60-4,182 with respect to motorcycle and moped protective helmet violations and Sections 60-6,278 to 60-6,282 shall not be enforced in the month of August. Actually, that, the month of August, is a bit problematic because it misses half of the economic opportunity that exists the first week in August, August, with those folks traveling to South Dakota in late July. I would rather have July 15 to August 15, if it's a 30-day period. Perhaps a 60-day period commencing on July 4 would be appropriate as well, but I won't get into that. Nonetheless, I think there are other ways of compromising that also include the safety mechanism that I am proposing in LB 70. That is not a fabricated, fictitious or less than genuine effort to get a softened helmet law in Nebraska. That is a very strident effort on my part. Volunteers behind the glass, unpaid volunteers, not to be redundant about volunteers, but these are folks who have worked hard on this, literally for about eight years, that the education component to the bill is important. We have people waiting in line to take the course, to take the safety training course, and that is something that I would like to get going right away. I don't want to go to...I think Senator Beutler had an amendment; Senator Jensen had a similar amendment that mandated that without any exchange at all.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: So that is something that I think, with the safety training, I want to...I want to encourage that. The current Jensen amendment, AM1286, strikes from the bill the safety training enhancement that we currently have. Most recently, if you look in the packet that I handed out with the blue and white map on the front that I handed out two days ago, you will see later on in the packet, toward the back, that we have an increasing number of individuals receiving training and