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we still are not meeting the demand of those wanting to take the course, and we need to make available the course even more so than it is now, and the provisions in LB 70 would do that. So those are some of my candid thoughts and I look forward to further discussion on the bill and hope that we can move forward. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. On with discussion of AM1286. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Johnson and others.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I think some creative thinking is going on now and I hope they will have an opportunity to work through this a little bit and see if they can make something of it. I'm looking at Belevedere in front of me here and he's obviously taking an interest in other bills because he's smiling approvingly at this idea of some kind of compromise on this bill, Senator Jensen. I think, you know, if you're in a court of law you bring evidence in and the other lawyers can object to the evidence, and you kind of filter through the evidence until whatever evidence is put on, on either side, if you have good lawyers, is good evidence and it's factual stuff and it's not hearsay and it's not hypothetical. And in this legislative process, unfortunately, because we go so fast and because we don't have any evidentiary rules, information just kind of comes in and we don't have a real good ability to sort through it quickly, especially on this particular issue because there's such a volume of evidence and there are such differing opinions. I think the most valuable thing that could come from this study--and I don't think a whole lot else is going to come from it, but this is, in and of itself extremely valuable--that is, to have a fairly representative group of people and I think ABATE should be on that, on that task force, Senator Jensen. They've been...they've been doing their best for their side and making an honest job of it. But I think it should be a good, broad representative group and they should look through all these studies and come back to us and tell us what is fact and what is fiction and what we really know about whether helmets serve a legitimate function. So I'm hoping Senator Smith takes an interest in this. A couple of small things: If you're fooling around with the language, I'd