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all of you will be familiar with as soon as I mention it is the placebo effect. You can give anybody a pill, give this pill to 100 people, 20 out of the 100 will get better even though it is a sugar pill or essentially have nothing in it. You have to include those type of decisions. I happen to be involved in a thing called a double-blind study. We hear all the time about how wonderful vitamins are, which ones, and how much, and so on. No one really knows. For the last nine years, I've been involved with a Harvard University study where they give me pills to take every day. I don't know whether they're vitamins or sugar pills. The guy who supplies them to me doesn't know. Then a statistical analysis is done on a yearly basis of whether I've had more strokes or pneumonia or whatever, and then you come up with some accurate statistics. This is what I'm used to. This is what I was talking about the other day. We have to have accurate statistics or, you know, no statistics at all. The...what I'm concerned about is that when we do this study that we look at things like unbiased numbers for accident rates, injuries, the significance, costs, who pays. Then, with these type of informed statistics, we can make informed decisions. A couple more things: I think the studies, to be accurate statistically,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JOHNSON: ...we have to include studies from other states as to what happened pre- and post-helmet laws. We can't just study and project what Nebraska might be. We have to look at the big picture. Two last things: Yes, Senator Smith, let's get going right now with a training bill. Let's find a way of starting now. Everybody in this assembly is agreed to that. Let's throw in the protective eyewear while we're at it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. And again, I appreciate the comments that I've heard. We have...I delineated in this amendment seven individuals and we're talking about...or seven categories, but we have ten on the task force. And certainly, members of ABATE or of the motorcycle enthusiasts