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and I'd say let's just drop the amendments, let's go ahead and vote on the bill, and let's see if there are the votes for cloture or not. I'm willing to gamble on that, I guess. I feel real strongly about LB 70, but I know that Senator Smith felt...feels very strongly in just the opposite direction. I do agree that a study could be very valuable. I do agree, Senator Smith, that some of the information that I've heard this year, for instance, about the motorcycle helmets themselves, leaves me room to think that maybe we need to look at that particular issue, too. I mean, you've raised some very good questions on the floor. I still don't want to do away with the motorcycle helmet law, but I also want us to have the best information that we can. And if we get to the end of that trail and it's apparent that the studies and the statistics and whatever it is that I've relied upon and made my decisions upon, if they're wrong then at that point, you know, I'd be willing to say so and let's move forward. But, yes, I will let you say something, because I did say something about your not thinking that we were sincere, and I bet that's what you want to respond to.

SENATOR SMITH: Right.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. Now, just reading the last part of the sentence of the amendment on page 2, with respect to motorcycle and moped protective helmet violations, they shall not be enforced in the month of August 2005. Number one, that wasn't what I had originally thought was going to happen. But in further discussion with those with more legal experience than I have, it's problematic, and not to mention the fact that this will be...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. Okay.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Let me stop you right there, and you turn your light on. But I agree, maybe this amendment isn't the right one. Maybe even the one that's coming up next isn't the right one. Then let's just bracket the bill for a few days and come