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any individual family can participate in. And then, yes, it goes on our Medicaid rolls. You know, I had really thought of introducing an amendment that would have said this bill should be bracketed until we had the opportunity to get the findings of our Medicaid study. Perhaps I'll still introduce that amendment. But here we are, looking at Medicaid costs, looking at what causes those costs to go up and up. And yes, not entirely, but there's a certain portion of the Medicaid costs that are from motorcycles. Now, Health and Human Services doesn't...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...track that at this time. But I think we can track it, and I think we will track it in the future. I do know that we have institutions in this state that their primary function is for brain injury. Brain injury, many of them that are...come from those motorcycle accidents. I've been there. I've visited those institutions, walked down their hallways, talked to some of the recipients. And I'm pleased that here in the state of Nebraska we have places for those individuals. But I'm saddened that have happened, because many of them were riding motorcycles without helmets. So as we move on through this bill in the future, I have again filed a few more amendments. It will require a cloture vote, if that is what Senator Smith wants to do. But it would appear at this point in time that we have not reached a compromise. I'm still open to do that. But until that time, I'll speak out opposing...

SENATOR JANSSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR JANSSEN: Time.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...LB 70. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Chambers. Senator, and I'm assuming I'll treat this as a motion?