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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Further discussion? Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Jensen.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, various individuals who are considered to be powers in English literature have written graphic descriptions of hell, but since none of them has ever been there, I'm not persuaded that what they say is true. There are people who've worn motorcycle helmets in accidents and died. There are people who have been without helmets, were in accidents and lived. So it cannot be stated as an absolute that wearing a helmet will prevent a person from dying, being killed, in an accident. It cannot be stated as an absolute that the absence of a helmet will guarantee that a person will die if he or she is in an accident. The argument by some is that anything between the head and the concrete is going to do some mitigating as far as harm, but if wearing a helmet will not prevent death, the towel that Senator Jensen has mentioned, that Senator Smith has memorialized, will not necessarily serve any beneficial function. I would like to ask Senator Jensen a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Jensen, it would seem to me that agencies of the federal government, various state legislatures, these very prestigious and competent organizations and their members are willing to accept any quality of helmet, just so that something is on the head when a person is riding a motorcycle. When we deal with the reality of the situation, isn't that basically the case as it exists? Whether it's desirable or perfect or not is not what I'm asking. Isn't that, practically speaking, what the circumstances are today?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, to wear a helmet. Now, certainly other states, I understand, enforce a DOT helmet, where Nebraska doesn't seem to do that.