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Creighton University; you might slide right all the way over into the trauma unit, because that's what it's going to take for me; I'm going to crash. What's the point of this whole thing? We've talked over and over again about how it's probably, probably unrealistic to ban dangerous behavior. Well, somebody has got to start. We can incrementally encroach on this. We can keep doing these type of things. Somebody has got to start. And the funny thing is, I've brought it up before, they usually start it in California or New York. If motorcycles are that dangerous, and I believe they are, Senator Connealy, let's jump off the balcony; I'll give you a helmet. To me, this plays out. I'm not going to do that. I could probably survive. With or without a helmet, I'm not going to do it. Let's ban parachuting. Let's...talk to my...I've talked to my brother, I've talked to other people that have parachuted out of airplanes. You never get used to that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: ...ever. It's an inherently dangerous thing to do. Now, am I afraid of dying? I don't know, maybe a little bit, but I do know this. If I hop on a motorcycle and I'm going 75 miles an hour down the Interstate, helmet or not, I'm rolling the dice. Even though we don't gamble in this state, I'm rolling the dice. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, members of the Chamber, you're absolutely right. If you're going down the Interstate, going 75 and hit a bridge abutment or something like that, there is no helmet, there never will be a helmet, that helps that. As a matter of fact, what happens is your heart keeps going and the attachment to your heart stop, and the two separate. But that's not what we're talking about today. We're talking about the type of injuries that do occur. The statistics are there. We just keep ignoring these statistics. We want to talk about something else. If I didn't have a statistical argument, I'd talk about something else too. The numbers are there. Every group says they're there. Now let's talk about something else here for just a second. One of the things that we keep hearing