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Don't bother, they're here. Now, what the A bill attempts to do is to set money aside to pay for some kind of safety courses. But don't you see some kind of disconnect here? Isn't there something out of kilter and out of joint, when you're going to pay money for safety courses, yet you have an underlying bill which is so preposterously drawn that it flies in the face of the very safety courses the A bill is supposed to pay for. I think the A bill should be killed. Senator Smith is not really interested in what the A bill pays for anyway. He's interested in doing away with the requirement that people wear helmets. He has effectively accomplished that, unless you have the types of officers on these streets and highways which I alleged yesterday are out there. They'll manufacture or fabricate some other...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...violation. They do it on the interstate when they want to stop certain people whom they have profiled. They'll say the person changed lanes without signaling. It's that person's word against the cop's word. The cop will say that the wheel of the person touched the center line, and that is strictly enforced as a violation. Then the vehicle is stopped, searched, and people may be placed under arrest. So it is not out of the question or out of police practice to fabricate pretextual reasons for stopping a person. So rather than uncomplicating the life of the motorcyclist, this flawed abomination that was moved off...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...first reading,...thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Beutler and others.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Very briefly, there will...I will predict--or maybe I don't need to--that there will be some distractions thrown up to try to discredit what we did yesterday. It's very clear. If you look at the amendment, it will show you what we did. And aside from that, if you need