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SENATOR JENSEN: ...brain trauma injuries. What is that costing society? And was that in the original A bill? Because I think it should be. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, motion to indefinitely postpone LB 70A. Senator Bourne, followed by Senator Kruse. Is Senator Bourne on the floor this morning? I do not see Senator Bourne. We will pass over Senator Bourne. Senator Kruse.

SENATOR KRUSE: Mr. President and members, thank you. I oppose the indefinitely postpone motion, and stand for the bill. We're talking about different things today than we were yesterday. This bill is the best part of all that we have been talking about, as I see it. It's where those who are riding motorcycles pay the cost of education. If we can get education of our motorcyclists, we are going to be a long ways ahead of wherever we are. Let the helmets to the side, and eyeglasses, and all the rest. We need education. My daughter has taken that, as an enthusiastic biker. She has taken that education. She was very impressed. It made a difference. She said, it probably saved my life. Because it was very thorough, it made her think about and imagine and know what else might be happening to her. also have the statistical references that I've studied, in other states, looking at the helmet piece. I was impressed with a far greater factor in safety of riders was the education piece. here's a way in which the education piece is forwarded. doesn't cost us a thing. It costs the bikers, who are the ones that appropriately should pay for it. And it is going to save us a lot. As Senator Jensen indicated, there are dangers down The education bill will reduce that. Very hard to project that kind of a thing. But certainly, an education component to this, a good, solid one--to my mind, it is a good, solid one--is the very least that we should do. In fact, it's the best part of the whole mix, as I see it. I stand for the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Bourne, are you with us this morning? I thought I saw him walk in. Maybe I didn't. Seeing no further...there are no further lights