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include secondary violation provisions as it pertains to the current helmet provision. This amendment will remove the helmet requirement for one year, for one year. Beginning June 1 on 2006, all riders in Nebraska will then be required to wear a helmet. This means that motorcycle...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...riders in Nebraska will be free to ride a motorcycle without a helmet, if they choose to, until June 1 of 2006. At that time, riders will be required to wear a helmet while riding in the state of Nebraska. Section 9 and the remaining sections in E & R are stricken, 9 through 26. These sections speak to changes in the current statutory scheme as it relates to structure and implementation of safety training within Nebraska. It really took a lot of soul searching to think that we might eliminate helmets for one year. But in order to study this issue, which I think really needs to be done--there have been so many statements about whose statistics are correct, whose are wrong, and is somebody given misinformation,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You heard the opening on AM1613. (Visitors introduced.) Let's move on. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I am still trying to absorb the 15-page amendment that I've just seen for the first time. And I accept Senator Jensen's apology for the lack of opportunity for me to look at this. I'm trying to digest it. I have some concerns, in the onset, with the one year; that if we expect good information, good useful information, we need more than one year. You might have seen on the Chamber Viewer that I have proposed a five year. Now, I want to emphasize...and it's been interesting receiving some comments (laugh) from those with various opinions about the current status of the bill, about other issues and so forth.