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SENATOR JOHNSON: Senator Cudaback, members of the body, coming back to this issue again, we've been away from it a little while, but I guess I want to talk a little bit about what happened with our long discussion before. First of all, a couple of weeks ago on "Sunday Morning," a CBS program at 8:00, they had Malcolm Gladwell on, who is a psychologist, talking about his new book. It's called the Blink, decision making in the blink of an eye. What he stated is that there are people that make up their mind, and no matter how much the valid information that they are presented with, their mind is unable to absorb any of the valid information to register to change their mind. I'd recommend the book to you. I bought it. Now, in our original discussion, one of the things that I did...and I didn't do it to cast any aspersions on Senator Smith. asked about was his statistical training. Because that's what we've been talking about in all of our discussions. need to have is valid statistical information put in front of us. This yellow sheet that is passed around today might be valid. It might also be the first one of these very nice flyers that I've seen around that might be valid. It is, however, just one year. There must be 15 or 20 different studies that are done in great detail that prove the opposite of what this one flyer says. So, yes, there are valid statistics. Who presented Well, the opponents to the helmet bill the valid statistics? these organizations: state and national organizations, state and national medical organizations, studies done by people such as the University of Florida for the state of Florida. Their validity was beyond dispute. Who testified at the hearing? Two members from the American Bikers... I think they've changed their name. They used to be called the American Bikers Against Totalitarian Enactments. I think they're now something to do with education. Who were the opponents? The head of trauma for the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the head of trauma for Creighton Medical Center, the AAA safety specialist, the National Safety Council representative for Nebraska, and on and on. Testimony on the floor? It was clever, with many nice flyers. The main argument was for freedom, individual rights. But there's more to freedom than that. There's...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.