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in education in this, and absolutely insist that we have that. But part of that trade-off, that compromise, the carrot we're going to use, if you take this course then, yes, you do have the option maybe of going without a helmet. I'm not going to ride without a helmet. But there are people out there that will. So...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: ...what I want to do is try and make this as workable as we can, Senator Jensen's proposal. And I haven't talked to Senator Smith. I'm still trying to digest it. But it looks like something we might be able to make do. And I'll be more than willing to work with Senator Smith and Senator Jensen on this, and get it done. I have one hesitation here when I make that commitment. My committee has me about loaded to the hilt with studies and task forces and things already, and I don't know whether I can handle one more commission here, and it seems like the Chairman of this committee has to be the one leading the charge. And I'm not quite sure I have enough time. But if, I guess, it's thrust upon me, I will do it. So thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. On with discussion of AM1613. Senator Byars, followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Unicameral Legislature. Thank you, Senator Jensen. Common sense. Senator Jensen, your amendment makes sense. You know, in the health area, in the education field, in ag, in water issues, in almost everything we do within this body, we find a year is adequate to gather information, empirical information, studies that are accurate to make recommendations back to the standing committees of this Legislature, who in turn recommend changes in the statute or new language, new statutes to be put into effect as good public policy. I...and I just don't see any reason in the world why this matter should be different. Why should we need two years, three years, four years, five years, when we can gather information that's out there, that's accurate? And as Senator Jensen said, and I will be...I will stand here and go on the record as saying the same thing; this