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that everyone is happy, or enough people are happy, with the secondary enforcement of seat belts.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: But what disturbs me greatly...and I see there's furthering of the comments from the AAA. Their lobbyist came to the hearing and compared an unhelmeted rider to a drunk driver. That's unfair, that is condescending, and does nothing positive for the public policy debate. Please keep that in mind, and look at all the information with an open mind. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. On with discussion of the AM1613. Senator Jensen, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, once again, members of the Legislature. I do have before me a sheet on motorcycle rider courses. And by the way...by the way, and I don't know, we're going to find out just what the lineup is for these courses. But there is one, the Western Nebraska Motorcycle Training, at Gering-Scottsbluff area, Hastings, Columbus area, at the Central Community College in Hastings. And by the way, those Hastings classes run...they're a three-day class, from 6:30 to 10:00 Fridays, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. And there's classes all the way through, April 1, April 8, April 22, April 29, May 13, May 20, May 27, June 7, June 10, June 17, June 24. So they go absolutely all the way through at the community college out at Hastings. In the Lincoln area, Frontier Harley-Davidson...well, wait a minute. There's also a...skip that one. In Norfolk, at the Northeast Community Colleges, there are classes, and the extreme northeast area, at Western Iowa Technical Community College at Sioux City. So there are...and in the Lincoln area at the Southeast Community College, also. So there are a number of classes that are out there where people can take training. Like I said, I really do believe that, from what I picked up from the body, was that most of the individuals, most of the members, thought that training was such a vital, important thing in motorcycle safety. And so, with that, I think to pass a law that we do not increase that training, particularly,