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have amendments. A few minutes ago, I saw the brain trust back there, heads huddled together, whispering and working out something. I wonder if they'll be as successful as those who were working on LB 126 today. Oh, I'm enjoying this so much. People are having an opportunity to learn about the real dynamics of legislating. And they're going to see it's not as easy as they thought when they watch somebody who makes it look easy. Those who make it look easy are those who put in the amount of time and effort that it takes to master the system enough to make it look easy, when in fact it's very complex and difficult. I need to turn on my light again. But thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion on the Jensen amendment to the Jensen amendment? Senator Foley, followed by Senator Redfield and others.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'm going to manage to make Senator Smith and Senator Jensen both mad at me, all within one speech. I don't like LB 70. I'm going to vote no. I don't like the Jensen amendment. I'm going to vote no. There you go. Once again, Senator Chambers and I see eye to eye. (Laugh) This past weekend, a friend of mine was out riding his motorcycle, and he was involved in an accident. And he has a wife and a young daughter, two years old. And the story has a happy ending of sorts, because he managed to hobble away with only a broken ankle. But it certainly could have been much more serious. His bike slipped on some gravel, and down he went. And it just brought home one more time the seriousness of what it is we're talking about here. I don't like Senator Jensen's amendment. With Senator Jensen's amendment, you take the helmet off for a year or so. I don't want to do that. Study commission, that might be okay as it is. The training requirements, well, maybe; maybe we can do some more on training; probably some benefit there. But I don't like the idea of taking those helmets off. I heard this bill before the Transportation Committee. I reviewed the evidence, and there was substantial evidence presented to us and it all points us in the same way. If you take those helmets off, you're going to have more fatalities, more critical injuries. We've had a helmet law for years. The law works. I don't want to tamper