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followed by Senator Byars.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I think we're making progress here. And I still... I don't see Senator Jensen now, but I had some questions. I'm going to reiterate what I said earlier. I think...and I...with Senator Redfield, the training, to me, we need to get that in here. And that was...the carrot that we offered was, if you take the training course, you can go without your helmet if you believe that's what you want to do. And we've drifted a little bit away from that whole concept. I'm not quite sure what Senator Beutler and Senator Smith are working on here. But I'm willing to participate in this as a part of the study. I know Senator Chambers raised a technical question. Looks to me like both; would both appoint ten people, is what it looks like, Chairman of Health and Human Services, and Chairman of Transportation and Telecommunication. That's an issue we can work out. And what that shows us, I don't know, where we'll come...what that study might...where it might lead us. But when we advanced this bill out of committee, the green copy, I felt very comfortable with It was the old carrot and stick approach. If you want to it. ride without a helmet, we're going to require that you take the training course. And I understand the discussion we've had in the past on General File, that we should make it mandatory to take the training course. I understand that. And maybe that's where we'll go. It could be. But this will give us some time. Senator Jensen's amendment will give us some time. My biggest concern right now...and he read off some places we can take There was Western Community College, these training courses. Scottsbluff, I don't know about the Sidney campus, whether it offers it out there, and Hastings. And there's a big gap between those places, and it happens to be my legislative district, and Senator Pederson's, and so on. I don't know how we're going to address that. Perhaps we can get the community college...Mid-Plains can offer some courses, get set up to do that, I would hope so, so we could offer it, say, North Platte, McCook, and maybe Valentine. Because, number one, as he said, it's a three-day course. You don't just take this thing and do it in a day. It's three days. To be away from home for three days, it's expensive. It's \$150, I believe, at Southeast Community College here in Lincoln. And it's