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intensive. You don't just do this on a whim. So I want to make sure, if we're going to put this training course as a requirement, we have it offered across the state. And that's, I think, what they're working on. And I hope we can get this worked out as we progress through the debate here this afternoon. I still don't see Senator Jensen. So I guess I will stop at that point. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Byars, followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President. I don't think probably this is the time in the debate, really, that we start getting back into the battle of statistics. But I feel it's important. I did allude to a couple of communications that I had received relative to issues in several other states, and the repeal of motorcycle helmets, and what's happened in those states. And I did feel it was important that we did at least keep that in consideration as we're looking at this matter. And I think as you do look at the amendment, at least...and when Senator Jensen gets back, maybe he can spend a little more time on it. But I don't think there's anything in there that...I think it says, if you're going to ride a motorcycle, you're going to need to have some education. And I would hope that that's something that we will maintain after a study. And I hope that's what the study tells us. But as I told Senator Smith, and I was sincere, if it's proven to me, with the compilation of evidence relative to these issues, that we don't need motorcycle helmets, that it doesn't make a difference, then okay. Now, I've been proven wrong, and those of us who are advocates for public safety I'm sure will back off of that. But in a communication that I received from both AAA Nebraska and from the Nebraska Safety Council, both refer, as we have talked about Iowa, particularly in their repeal, statistical information which has just been released within the last two weeks, on May 5, 2005, by the Iowa Department of Public Safety. In Iowa, motorcycle fatalities have nearly doubled in the last five years, with an average of more than 40 motorcyclist deaths reported each year. And in Iowa, nine in ten motorcycle fatality victims were not wearing a safety helmet. And this was reiterated and referred to in a publication that was sent, and I