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Smith. And this will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Would Senator Byars yield to a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Byars. You cited the AAA numbers here. And you said that it was a motorcycle fatality rate, or you quoted her in the rate jumped 74 percent. Now, was that the actual numbers, going from, let's say, 10 deaths to 18 deaths, which we've seen similar growth in the numbers in Nebraska, or are you talking the number of fatalities per 10,000 registered motorcycles?

SENATOR BYARS: Senator Smith, I don't know.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay.

SENATOR BYARS: And that's what I said. This is...

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Okay, that's all I...

SENATOR BYARS: ...I'm giving the information...

SENATOR SMITH: ...that's all I wanted to know.

SENATOR BYARS: ...that was given to me. And this is why we need to study these numbers for a year. As I said, we can trade numbers and who's good and who's bad back and forth and based on what information. But we need people to look at the actual facts, and then let's know. And I...you know, I would hope you'd be willing to do that also.

SENATOR SMITH: I couldn't agree with you any more. But we need to take a deep breath and make sure that all of these numbers are accurately portrayed, consistently applied, and set emotion aside. And I think we can come up with some good policy. But when Senator Beutler...or Senator Byars says that AAA and other