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As I look around this floor and I see different groups of senators huddling, discussing, trying to arrive at a consensus--even though it is one that turns out to be nonsense--that, in itself, is something positive, if you put the right spin on it. On this bill, I will not put a speed bump in the road which is so large that it will stop all action. If the Legislature decides, after all of my sage counsel, to put together a conglomeration of chaotic incoherence, I'm going to let the Legislature do that. I'm not even going to talk about the poor drafting that I've found in Senator Jensen's amendment, in addition to the one example that I pointed out. If they want to--by "they," I meant the ones who support this bill--want to have provisions that could constitute an improper delegation of legislative authority to the State Patrol, let them do it. They can read, and they ought to read. Whether they have read or not, if they somehow cobble together what they call a compromise and they can get 25 senators, without my vote, to support it, let them. I'm not going to offer an amendment to this bill. I'm not going to put a motion on the bill, but I will comment from time to time, if amendments are offered. It is peculiar to me that people can stand on this floor and say with such certitude that wearing helmets mitigates injuries, the seriousness of injuries, and in some cases may prevent injuries, in some cases may prevent death even if a serious injury to the head results, then say, but as responsible makers of public policy, license will be given for a certain number of months for all of this carnage to take place. That is being agreed to, in order to establish what they call a compromise. What does the word "compromise" mean? And once you determine that, what is being compromised as a result of this compromise? What is it? I'm not going to determine it. I have my opinions. But I'm not going to try to help this bill. I just want to put some things on the record, so anybody who would take the time to consider what was before us on the floor before this compromise was adopted, can see that I had no part to play in it. (Laugh)

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm aware. You know, Tyrannosaurus rex might look at some beavers chopping down saplings and constructing dams to obstruct a little stream and see their little chests