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members of the body. And thank you, Senator Foley, for your comments. I appreciated that. I thought you'd be interested in hearing some additional information. This starts out, "Players contract for bids riding a motorcycle. Browns' tight end Kellen Winslow II sustained internal injuries and complained of chest pains after he was injured in a motorcycle accident, the team said Monday night. And this was earlier this month. Winslow was riding in a community college parking lot Sunday when he hit a curb at about 35 miles per hour and he was thrown from his motorcycle, Westlake police said. Now it's interesting to note that this player was wearing a helmet, but he didn't have it strapped on and the helmet flew off of his head. He landed on a landscape area on the edge of the parking lot, falling hard enough to tear out a small tree. Now the contract specifically forbids players from engaging in any type of dangerous activity, and they consider motorcycle riding a dangerous activity. The NFL contract--and I'll repeat that--forbids players from taking part in any activity which may involve a significant risk of personal injury. So I think this is important to reflect on, when we consider the issue of removing helmets, when we think of safety, when we consider personal injury to individuals. Thank you, and I'll return the remainder of my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Howard. Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President, and I've been asked to continue the debate so that the folks in the back can come up with a resolution to LB 70. And with that, I think I would offer that LB 70...I've fallen off as a supporter, simply because of what others have said. The bill has a secondary offense for not wearing a helmet and the protective eyewear provision is ambiguous. I'm a supporter of the green copy, and I've told people all along I'll support the green copy, but LB 70, as it stands now, is a caricature of the green copy. And Senator Jensen's amendment, I think, goes a long way to helping that, but it's not the green copy. I used to ride a motorcycle. I loved riding a motorcycle, no helmet, smoking a cigarette, date on the back seat, life was good. I was young. And I've grown up and understand that that was foolish, and certainly wouldn't do that anymore. But I hope that we can somehow negotiate this back together. Senator Jensen has some terrific