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LB 70

SENATOR SMITH: Withdraw, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn also.

CLERK: Senator Smith, AM1739. (Legislative Journal page 1789.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized to open on AM1739 to AM1153.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. AM1739 is the magic number, and that is the compromise that I explained earlier, that involves the two-year relaxation of the helmet law, and then after those two years, though, there would be the increased requirements on the safety training, but the infrastructure would then be in place over these next two years, to support that training. And I truly believe that the enhanced training will do far more to save lives and prevent injuries of Nebraskans than our current policy of: wear a helmet, it can even be somewhat of an old-fashioned helmet, and you're okay. To me, that is a policy that is problematic in several ways, but primarily it creates a false sense of safety, and I think that we as state policymakers need to be mindful of that, and we can come up with a policy. I appreciate Senator Jensen's time on this. I truly appreciate Senator Beutler's willingness to be a go-between here on the issue, and I appreciate his objectivity on the whole issue. I urge the adoption of AM1739 to Senator Jensen's AM1153 as a compromise, and we can move forward, hopefully, with an affirmative vote of LB 70. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. You've heard the opening on the Smith amendment, AM1739, which is an amendment to the Jensen AM1153 to LB 70. Open for discussion on the Smith amendment. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Schimek and six others. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I've come to respect special effects. (Motorcycle revving) Somebody said that's the worst they heard. They don't even know what I was imitating. (Laughter) Mr. President, this amendment