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is a hodgepodge of this, that, and the other. I see Senator Erdman is in his seat. I would like to ask Senator Erdman a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Erdman, you're sitting where a man whom I had dubbed "The Baron" used to sit, and I could ask him questions like this, so I hope it doesn't tax your ability, and I don't believe it will. Can you finish this old axiom: Too many cooks...

SENATOR ERDMAN: Spoil the broth? Spoil the soup?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Thank you. Members of the Legislature, it seems that what they did...don't you all panic. Somebody told me that I was being talked to when it thundered, and I told them, no, I'm a ventriloquist, I'm throwing my voice. Mr. President, it's like having 10 people and each one said, well, I've got to have this; the other said, I've got to have that; and when they put it all together, they came up with something like this amendment, where if you look at it in its totality, it's worse than nothing. This amendment is worse than if you repeal the helmet law outright. It's worse than if you leave it in its present form. It is neither fish nor fowl. Consider all of these provisos that will allow a person not to wear a helmet, not to wear it under certain circumstances. If you have on eyeglasses they can't bother you, but if you don't have eyeglasses or these other types of eye protections, then that is a primary offense and you can be stopped. Anybody with two brain cells working together will put on eyeglasses. I don't see any definition or description even of the eyeglasses, except to say that they cover the orbital region of a person's face, which means your eyes. Why a person would want to wear glass instead of some unbreakable substance is beyond me, but I don't ride motorcycles, and I don't have the mentality that it takes. How many officers are going to stop somebody to see if they are over a certain age, if they can prove they've taken a safety test, all of these other things? This bill creates a set of circumstances where a violation that