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is occurring is not apparent to the naked eye. For all I know, there could be "Psychic Friends" training that all the police officers have to take, but I'm not aware that that's a requirement. So unless they have some kind of ESP or special training to read into people's minds, or read their minds and see what's going on in their minds, and know these other things that they cannot see with their eyes, this bill will produce a law which is virtually unenforceable. You are repealing through indirection what you will not repeal directly. This would be one of the worst possible pieces of legislation on this subject that the Legislature could enact.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If a layperson were to read it, he or she would not know whether he or she was coming or going, and if so, wouldn't know where he or she was going, or from whence he or she had come. I'm going to listen to the discussion, but it seems to me that people are saying, if not wearing helmets causes people in accidents to either be killed or suffer great brain damage, you're willing to suspend that conviction for two years, and let the deaths and brain damage occur. For what reason, I do not know. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion of AM1739. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Smith and about eight others. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I haven't spoken a great deal on this, but I share some of the same concerns that Senator Chambers does. I'm really all for a study. I think that's a good idea, and I thank Senator Jensen and others for working on that aspect of it. But what I cannot support and will not support is the doing away with the helmet law for a two-year period. I think it is foolhardy to do that without any data to let us know that this is a very good idea. One of the things that I got today in the mail was a letter from the National Safety Council of Omaha, and they mentioned several points in that letter that I would like to discuss with Senator Smith for a minute or two, if I might, Mr. President.