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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, I am. Okay.

SENATOR SMITH: ...there's kind of a split opinion here.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Third point, then, is the point about the economic development. And you know, they do make a point here--I'm sure you could make the other point, too--but that the events like Rolling Thunder, for instance, that take place in Washington, D.C., that happens to be a full helmet law state, or...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...geographic area, and that only a scholarly study will tell us if helmet sense or geography or individuals' vacation time, or the placement of interstate highways have an impact on tourists flowing to Sturgis. You know, I can't imagine that that many people are going to be coming through Nebraska to go to Sturgis. Well, maybe they will. But is that a valid...do you think that's a valid criticism, that the argument is not very well made, when we see other states with full helmet laws being successful in attracting tourists?

SENATOR SMITH: Well, we just had a large motorcycle event in Scottsbluff. (Thunder) Was that the rolling thunder you were speaking of?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's it. (Laugh)

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. That we had over the weekend...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. It's now your time, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: My time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: It's now your time.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. And I'd be happy to continue to address that. We're not talking about single events here, because they are less prevalent here than in other states without as