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LB 70

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Mines, followed by Senator Don Pederson and eight others. Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. I was 100 percent for the green copy of the bill, and that may not be what many of you supported, but I support the green copy. And this, in my opinion, has turned into a caricature of what that bill was. As an example, I believe that the motorcyclists that choose not to wear helmets are...should be opposed to this amendment, I feel, because they get helmetless riding for two years, however, they have to wear their helmet because it's a secondary offense. But you could ride without your helmet and not get stopped. They get that. On the other hand, what they don't get is...well, they do get mandatory safety training. And that's something they don't have to do now. They must carry proof of that training, which they don't have to do now. They must wear protective eyewear, which is improperly defined, but...in fact, it's not even defined. So...and they also have to pay an additional fee to cover the training course. It appears that in place of two years of helmetless riding, motorcyclists have to pay more money, they have to take a training class, carry proof of insurance...or proof of training, and they also must wear protective eyewear. So from the standpoint of a supporter of LB 70, not only is this amendment a work of many, I don't think this work is very well put together. It's put together and it's intended to pass, for one reason for another, and I just...I'm really struggling with this. And I have said I would vote for the amendment. I don't like it, for the reasons I've stated. But I've said I would vote for it, and...for whatever that means--I'm talking in circles. I don't like the amendment, but I'm voting for it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. Senator Don Pederson, followed by Senator Byars.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment kind of reminds me of a camel, which was once described as having been put together by a committee, and I think this is