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pretty confusing. And if you think that we're going to have to go home in a few days and try and explain to somebody what the helmet law is, I think we're going to be hard pressed to do it. I always appreciate the fact that people attempt to compromise on very serious issues. But I think that this is going to be a very difficult law for law enforcement to enforce, and I appreciate the efforts of this, but I do have some concerns about it. I've always had concerns about the helmet law, and primarily for the same reason that Senator Jensen and others have described, and that is the head injuries that do occur. But I do have a question for Senator Smith. Senator Smith, do I understand from reading this compromise that the finances of this particular effort, as far as the fiscal note would be concerned, is being taken care of by the increase in fees?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: So are there any other fiscal responsibilities of the state in regard to LB 70?

SENATOR SMITH: Not according to the agencies we've talked to. It's been my concern all along that we implement a feasible and realistic policy, so that DMV is not expected to do something that is outside of the cash fund, basically.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Okay, that was my only question. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President. I have to concur with Senator Mines, because even as Senator Mines was interpreting as he read what the amendment was, I was interpreting it a different way. I had made note myself earlier, and was going to do some inquiry relative to, in one place you have the two-year relaxation period if somebody is 21 years of age on or after the operative date of September 1, 2005, but then in the enforcement, it becomes a secondary offense during the two-year relaxation period. Now Senator Mines and I agreed on that. But