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SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Wehrbein, you're next.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'm going to be brief, because I don't want to repeat all of the things said. I simply want to have on the record that I'm opposing the amendment, and I will oppose the bill. I'm, too, disturbed, primarily because of the way this law is written. I think it's going to be very hard for law enforcement to determine which ones are going to be grandfathered in, whether they've had training. It's going to be very difficult to know, and so, in essence, they're going to have to pass on a lot of enforcement, because they simply aren't going to know and it isn't going to be worth their time to stop. I have been disappointed from the beginning; I guess it's instinct. I haven't said anything about it, but Senator Smith had made the issue of economic...I don't know what the right...I don't want to misuse...but economic returns, if you will, by allowing increased traffic across the state on motorcycles. It appears to me, by doing it this way, we're making...we're taking a calculated risk--that if we can increase traffic, we will get more economic returns, but in the process, we're providing more risks to riders, or increased traffic, and causing more...when the injuries that will occur, will be more, which will probably be more because of increased ridership, we're going to trade it off against, "but we have increased economic development." That bothers me some. We do that in other things, I'll admit. We take calculated risks. Even if it's rodeos or other things, people get involved in things. I understand that. But this is fairly blatant, in the fact that we want to increase traffic, realizing that there will be more traffic, but I think we're going to have increased injuries in total. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Baker, your light is next.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Some observations, sitting here listening. I too thought we had a pretty good bill in the green copy, but the process has taken us away from the green copy. And just to get you back to that,