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bracketed. I do raise the call. Back to discussion of AM1739. There are no lights on. Senator Smith, you're recognized...there is a light on. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Chambers, I can't tell you exactly what study I'm quoting, but I wrote this down in my notes, and you are exactly right as far as youthful riders are concerned. If you have a secondary offense, the police officers will not stop the person, and the study that I remember is that the helmet use by youthful riders decreased down to about the 50 percent level, even though, theoretically, it was mandatory for them--that is, the people under 21--to wear a helmet. So it is a problem for law enforcement. I think Senator Cornett was exactly right, that this is a bill that not only do we in this Chamber not know what we have, but if it's passed as it is, our law enforcement officers will not know, either. So with that, I will return my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Smith, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. AM1739, as I've indicated before, is a compromise that I know doesn't make everyone happy, probably not even me. But it's something that I can live with, and it is a practical scenario. The amendment was filed several days ago, and there has been ample opportunity for those with an objective opinion to criticize it, raise issues, or otherwise. I appreciate the involvement of several folks, probably too numerous to mention, but there have been...there's actually a few objective minds out there on the issue, and I appreciate their reflection and their feedback along the way. I believe that we can move forward with the adoption of AM1739, so that we can move on. Thank you, Mr. President. I would ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote, in regular order.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's been a request for a call of the house. All those in favor of the house going under call vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, to place the house under call.