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learning. Senator Raikes has a bill out there. We've had people say they'd be willing to plan that. We do keep a file of people that have contacted the committee saying they'd be willing to serve on this committee, that committee. I'm sure every other committee chair has those too. But we get volunteers. And we'd have to screen them. If we have more than one or two people for a particular required appointed job on these committees, then we'd have to screen them and see who we thought was the best candidate, I would assume. But we do maintain a file that...for those people who say, we'd be willing to serve on this or that task force, and so on. And I would try and have some people involved that would be here after I'm term limited out. There's no senators, other than Senator Jensen and I, would serve on the committee, and we'd like to see some other involvement by senators who would not necessarily be termed out. So this whole bill, I was...I have been listening. I've been down in my office doing some other work, but I do listen as the debate goes on, and I was quite satisfied with the green copy. I know Senator Smith is not real happy with the compromise, Senator Jensen, Senator Beutler. I guess that's the art of compromise. But I think we've put a good product out, and it didn't work so well once it hit the floor. But the original product, I need to remind you, the green copy, said we will allow people, riders, to go without a helmet after you have taken the motorcycle training course. I've checked into that. I do have a motorcycle endorsement on my license. I did not take a training course. I think I might, though, still. But those training courses are very valuable and I think that's the key to motorcycle safety, is not to let, in particular, young people get on a motorcycle, and a 16-year-old I'm thinking, in terms of get on a motorcycle and drive without some training. And right now, all you have to do is pass the test. I have no fault...I'm not faulting the Department of Motor Vehicles, but it's a 25-question test. Someone who reads the book can pass the test.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: And then you go out and take a driver's course. And once again, that's the best we can come up with through DMV. You are followed around with a person, in most cases, or I think