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But if a person makes an agreement, and circumstances change, that person is free to change his or her mind, as a member of this Legislature. And others have changed their minds on issues. I have changed mine. And I will let people know when I intend to change my mind. Senator Smith could not really get a vote on the issue of motorcycle helmets with that hodgepodge amendment that had been offered the other day. some who supported the amendment are not going to support the bill. And that's why I had said, it's an attempt to do, by indirection, what will not be done directly. If by chance the bill had passed in the form that the other amendment had put it in, I don't think the Governor would have signed it. And even if he had of, it would have been unenforceable. So there would be, in some people's minds, a motorcycle helmet bill, law, on the books; but the reality would be that, it's so unenforceable, there is none. Senator Smith's amendment that he's offering will ...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...give us the opportunity to vote on that issue. And that's what I think we ought to vote on when we have a matter such as this. I'm going to support Senator Smith's amendment. And if the amendment is adopted, I'm going to support the bill. Senator Smith, from my side, has suffered enough, at my hands. There's no need in me continuing, continuing to rub it in and rub it in. But if he had kept that atrocious amendment, my opposition to the amendment would have kept me prodding him. But now we're going to take a mature position, and put before the body the issue as it ought to be framed. And if people are opposed to it, they'll vote against it. But that hodgepodge amendment did not frame the issue, and we would not have been voting on motorcycle helmet law...motorcycle helmets. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion on AM1770? Senator Jensen, followed by Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I really wish that each one of you would take the