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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does your amendment do that?

SENATOR SMITH: I wish that we could have done it that simply and that concisely. But it was...did not seem possible to do that. I...there are conditions, as I stated earlier, on the mike and to you privately, that still exist. But it...(laugh) you know, it's interesting how opponents to this have called it a repeal all along. It can be spun in different ways, I'll tell you up front.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But could I finish my time?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because there might be a lot of people to talk, and I'm interested in my position. I accepted what Senator Smith told me, in terms of the characterization of the amendment that he has. What I can support is an outright repeal. That's what I kept arguing for yesterday. That's what I was saying I'll support today. Senator Beutler points out similarities, and Senator Jensen referred to what he said are similarities, between what I've called the green copy and the amendment they put together that I so harshly criticized. Among other things was the establishment of that commission, or committee, how they would go about studying, the pointlessness of any such study, because we know what the conclusions will be, the fact that certain individuals were put on that committee, or commission, simply to put somebody on it. These are things that I did criticize. But what I'm interested in seeing is a vote on whether we will repeal the motorcycle helmet law. Senator Smith's amendment does not do that. But I told him, in any case, if he got rid of that amendment that had been cobbled together, I would not fight his amendment. If it was a repealer, I would support it. I'm in a position where I will not fight his amendment, but I do not see it as a repealer. So the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...vote that I wanted us to take is still not going to be before us. I try to make as clear as I can what my