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highways and on our streets. And if I had agreed earlier to support, I would actually pull my...that agreement because of that revelation. I did work with good faith, Senator Smith, with you and Senator Beutler, on an amendment. And certainly, Senator Chambers, many others in here, have also worked on amendments, still not wanting to vote for the bill, or not voting for the bill, but at least, if the bill passed, it was better than what you...than what the bill said. You're always trying to improve at least the outcome of a bill. I did that. Was I going to vote for the bill? No. And I will not vote for any bill that is going to endanger people's lives, that is going to increase the cost to the citizens of this state, the taxpayers, and that's going to cause trauma and head injuries for families because of individuals riding carelessly on motorcycles and not without protection. To me, it's pretty black and white. It's pretty clear that either we repeal what we've got,...but this is even worse than a repeal. Any time you tell a law officer, yeah, they're breaking the law, but you can't stop them, what are you doing? What are you doing to the law enforcement people? What are you doing to the law of this state? I don't care what it might be, even paying taxes. Well, you can't pay...you have to pay taxes, but if you don't, we're not going to come after you. What kind of a deal is that? We cannot, we cannot go back to the green copy. You know, I didn't like...yes, we agreed to an amendment yesterday, and we voted on that amendment. At the end of two years, at least we'd go back to, I think, a helmet law, perhaps. It all depends on what that study would show. But every time I've tried to come up with any improvements to the bill, then I didn't negotiate in good faith.

SENATOR JANSSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: I just don't buy that. And I even find offense to that. But you make the decision. You read that section. You tell me what it says. Just page 17 of the green copy. Yes, you can be pulled over if you don't have eye protection. But they cannot pull you over on a primary offense if you don't have a helmet, and the five-year-old child behind you. I don't want to be responsible for that. I don't want to look back a year