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LB 70

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, would you yield?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Jensen, if someone driving a regular vehicle must violate the law--speeding, left turn, right turn, stoplight, whatever--before we know their age, are we assuming that they're underage?

SENATOR JENSEN: No. However, under your bill, under LB 1770 (sic), eye protection is a primary offense, and so you can pull somebody over there. I don't...it works both ways here.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. And I've stated several times why that is in there and why that is agreeable to parties involved in violation of someone's rights and others' freedoms, and so forth. So I don't want to keep repeating myself on that. But...and I thank you for your response to my question. We do not assume that everyone is underage, just because we don't allow law enforcement to pull someone over just to randomly check a driver's license age. So I want that to be clear with the body, that Senator Jensen has tried to confuse the issue with that. This is a very straightforward approach. And so here's what I hope that we can do in a timely fashion. Vote no on recommit to committee. First, vote yes on the cloture. Vote no to recommit on committee...recommit to committee. Vote yes on AM1770. Vote yes on AM1153. And vote yes on the advancement of LB 70. We can do some action here. We can come up with good public safety issues here. We can beef up the training course that needs to be beefed up. There's a waiting line right now, a waiting list of those wanting to take the training course. And the mechanisms in LB 70, paid for by motorcyclists, will enhance the availability of the training, and we can do something real to prevent accidents. No helmet will prevent an accident. No helmet has ever prevented an accident from occurring. It might mitigate some injuries. It might mitigate on some injuries, but no helmet has ever prevented the accident from occurring. I've been very adamant that the training piece be a part of this, and I stand by that. And that is why I believe that we can pass this, we can make a segment of our population really happy, a