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Legislature. Interesting debate. In my opinion, reasonable people would wear some type of protection to their cranium. Now, that just makes sense. I don't care if you're going 5 mile an hour or you're going 70 mile an hour, reasonable people would protect themselves from brain injury or death. I mean, this is something that, seems to me, that they would certainly want to do. Maybe we should put this before the people, let the people of the state of Nebraska decide whether they want a helmet law. That would solve the situation. We'd live with what we had. But I still...I remember visiting here a few weeks ago with a large group of riders that came into the town I have my business in, and visiting with them about the helmet law. And one of the...the fellow was probably in his mid-forties, had a very nice machine, had a passenger along, and they both put on their helmets when they left. Well, it's the law. And I asked him, I said, if this was repealed, if the helmet law was repealed, would you still wear that helmet? He said, I live in Omaha, and I would certainly wear it there. But when we get out on the highway, he said, I would take it off. Because there are too many crazy people in the cities that will get in your way. (Laugh) Well, yeah, I suppose there are. But there are crazy people in the country, too. And you're not...(laugh) you know, you can't avoid them all. But you're less likely to have an accident on the open road than you are in the city. And it's not always the rider's fault. A few comments I wanted to make today, and I'd give the rest of my time to Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Beutler, you have 2 minutes and 38 seconds.

SENATOR BEUTLER: You know, that time is not enough to say what I wanted to say next. But Senator Janssen's remarks remind me of the fact that just two days ago I almost hit a motorcyclist. He was behind me. He was in the blind spot. I had looked in my rear view mirror, and I saw nothing at all. I looked carefully, and I started to change lanes. And he had to swerve a little bit, and honked his horn. And you know, we corrected the situation right away. But it was my fault, I guess. I mean, they are very hard to see. And I mention that only to say he was wearing a helmet, and I was glad he was wearing a helmet. We weren't going very fast. But if I had tipped that bike and