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get up here this morning and say, well we should tell them to go to grass. Well, Senator Lewis, if were to affect impact date funds for him and his Bellevue School District, I'm sure he would have a different attitude. All this...although this is just another Highway Safety Program that's in jeopardy. I'm not for blackmail myself. But if it's necessary to do it to get or keep the program going, I don't believe it will affect that many people. I got calls from volunteer fire departments, and they are unglued, they read the bill. It's a 26 page bill, and I can understand why. But there's a few points in there they can live with, part of it becomes effective in 77, part of it in 78, if there's something wrong this body can come back next year and correct these. I would move that we pass both of these, and see how it works for a year. The Helmet bill, it's watered down, to where there is, instead of a misdemeanor, it's just a traffic violation to not wear a helmet. And no points assessed. I can't go along with this, but I will if it takes this to pass the Legislature. These are two things that affect seven million dollars, it has been mentioned that this is petty cash. But this is an entire program. This isn't only petty cash, this is an entire program, and I'm not or don't feel that we should jeopardize the program for this.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Lewis.

m SENATOR RICHARD LEWIS: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature After all these bursts of oratory, I'm very hesitant to even talk But I might just make some comment on the background of 1051. Because the bill as originally proposed was by the Department of Health. Was a monstrosity. I don't think the volunteer units could have lived with it. And I took exception to it, and took it up with the federal officials. Had these people come in here and we had a joint meeting with directors of the Highway Safety Program, with representatives of the volunteer groups. And the bill as it is on file now is a compromise, has been agreed to by the volunteer groups. They say they can live with it. That it satisfies their limitations and the Director of Highway Safety says that it is permissible as far as they are concerned. I see really nothing wrong with this bill, and I would be in favor of supporting 1051. I don't think it provides enough limitations on anyone to be detrimental.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I would like to ask the division of the question that when these...Mr. President, Mr. President..

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I'd like to have you listen to what I'm saying because I'm asking for a division of the question.

PRESIDENT: Well, the division of the question is quite proper and so ordered.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Such that we vote on each one separately. Because I feel that a good many people here wish to vote for 795 and have it considered immediately.