

would strongly urge you to bring LB 524 to the floor to General File so that we can debate it in its fullest. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. There is approximately 10 minutes for debate time. The Chair recognizes Senator Nelson. Senator Jacklyn Smith is next.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I very much support bringing this bill back to the floor again. In all cases in Public Works Committee, I did vote for that. I will try to make this just as brief and short as I possibly can. I, too, support many, many of the doctors, the ambulance crews, and so on and so forth. A few points that I would like to make. One thing is I just can show you about six pages from students in the Holdrege High School where the Keezer boy was killed in a motorcycle accident. His fellow students all realize how important it is. The same course, his dad was going to Omaha to see him in the Omaha hospital and the dad and the other brother were killed in an accident, a very sad case. As Mrs. Keezer says, my parental responsibility will go right to my grave for not mandating that her boy wear a helmet. In regards to the Public Works Committee, we had a bill last week that in hopes would give the motorcyclists more education. The problem I see with that is, and I know that they are very dedicated, very concerned people, and I know Senator Smith probably will not agree with me, but there is \$1.50 taken off of the motorcycle license for this training, but the whole problem is is they can't get anybody to take the training. They say they don't have enough instructors in western Nebraska and so on and so forth. The only way that I could even begin to soften on this case is if it was mandatory, and what I mean as mandatory with training and proof just exactly like the way you get your driver's license. And I think that every one of these instructors, or so on, they say let us educate them and they will wear the helmet. Well, if the helmet is that good, they just simply don't want to be told to wear it and I relate that back to the seat belts. Another thing is, no matter how much education you have, and it could not be the fault sometimes of the motorcycle rider, that does not save his head when a car through the car driver's fault runs into that motorcycle. Again education doesn't help. And back again to educating the children and the families, I think we had testimony last year that something like each death is