

\$199,000 for hospitals. Whose responsibility is it from there on? It is all of us to pay those hospital bills, to educate the children, maybe retrain the wife, and so on. In my own family, they said, well, she was complaining because she was riding (sic) a motorcycle helmet and she was hurt, why we didn't pay for more training for her education to get her reeducated. I think that they must be responsible and I will cut off with that but I very much support the helmets, and I know a lot of times we don't like to be told but it is for our own good.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Fellow senators, I won't stand here and dispute some of the things that have been said about the importance of the helmet, as far as I am concerned personally, but I have another object in mind and that is the education. I feel that that is a very important thing. Irregardless of some of the comments that have been made about the lack of willingness of the motorcyclist to take the education, the fact that education hasn't worked, all those kind of things, the truth of the matter remains and that is that motorcyclists initially were required to pay fees for an education program which they were very willing to do, have been paying into a pool of money for that very purpose for a number of years, and I think you can all remember last year, that being my first year on the floor, when we were...came up with the budget and we found that some of the money from that pool had been transferred to the Department of Roads to fix the roof. The year before that my understanding is that some other money was taken for some other purpose. So I think that I have so many things I want to say here and I hope I have these in order but I guess that my main concern is that we provide the opportunity for them to receive an education program which in good faith they were paying into through their own fees. LB 524 addresses only a mandatory helmet law. It does nothing to address the education aspect. We had a little human interest story here a little bit ago from Senator Rupp and I could give you one of my own, and I guess that is why I am so dedicated to the education program. In my own family, my oldest son, and I told this in Public Works the other day, I will tell it again, irregardless of what they are saying, education made a tremendous difference in his life. He became an instructor last year after all the years of his life not wearing a helmet when he rode the