

two-thirds of the accidents that occur with motorcyclists are caused by the automobile driver. Who are we really trying to benefit with this law? Motorcycle operators know a lot more about helmets than those of us that have never worn a helmet but they also are willing I think after education to decide where and when it is proper to wear that helmet. I ask you to hold this 524 in committee as we have done in committee and allow us to get 1004 out and let's try to work with that bill and see how education affects motorcyclists. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers. Two minutes left for debate.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I have no intention to filibuster this issue but I do feel very strongly about the fact that I don't think government had ought to interject itself into the position of telling individuals what to do with their own lives, and I understand the concern raised by those people such as Senator Rupp, Senator Hoagland, and others about the protection of people. But I want to tell you, and I will also admit, honestly admit that I am scared to death of motorcycles, but back in my distant past and I guess as of even yet I am not too scared of things with four legs. Probably not too smart and, yeah, probably had ought to had an educational program but I woke up one time four days later from a head injury from a Brahma bull. If we want to follow the same philosophy, then probably we had ought to say that bull riders had ought to wear helmets. I suspect even though I am more scared of a motorcycle than a Brahma bull that probably the statistics would indicate you would get hurt a lot more riding a Brahma bull than you would a motorcycle. But I don't think that it....

PRESIDENT: One minute left on debate.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...is government's position to tell me as an individual what I had ought to do with my own life and I object and will oppose the bringing of this bill to the floor. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh, less than one minute of the debate time.

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, question.