

because the society at large may not participate, they feel they have the right to busybody, meddle and dictate to these people how they should do. Yet you let a bill come before this Legislature related to how lawyers, who in the opinion of many people gouge, trick, and beat the public out of their legal rights by missing filing dates, allowing statutes of limitations to run, and causing people to lose substantial rights. Let a bill like that come before the Legislature and you suddenly hear all kinds of talk about how the Legislature should not be restricting this profession. Let a bill come up that the phone companies don't like and they say you are hindering competition, back off. But when it comes to how an individual is going to deal with his or her safety, his or her life, then the Legislature wants to become heavy-handed, meddlesome and busybody. You are not talking in this bill about regulation relative to the safety of the vehicle being driven placing requirements on the manufacturer, the seller, and others who may be involved the Legislature would never dare touch on that type of an issue. But when it comes to the attire of the individual riding the vehicle, here comes the Legislature. I'm kind of surprised, in a way. Senator Johnson is not a libertarian, but he does believe in the rights of people to assume risks and conduct their life in the way that they choose. But at this point the line is drawn. I was looking for a picture out of the newspaper, that I had clipped some time ago to save just for this purpose, but I couldn't find it. It was a picture of who else buy jolly old St. Nicholas, otherwise known as Santa Claus, in full regalia, riding a motorcycle on a slippery road without a helmet on top of his head, or surrounding his head. Yet here was this picture of the hero of all little children, a hero that causes parents to lie to their little children, riding the motorcycle without a helmet. I didn't see any letters in the paper, from all of these people who say that motorcyclists should be compelled to wear a helmet, condemning the newspaper for running this reprehensible picture of jolly old St. Nicholas without a motorcycle helmet. I think this is a lot of unnecessary action, and I'm surprised that Senator Vard Johnson would want to manipulate the system in this fashion.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I was accused of manipulating the system the other day when everything I did was within the rules. I