

set and gave 15 minutes. Now is the Speaker, under our rules, able to change his order without taking a vote? He can just change it, even after it's been set? That is the first question I'd like to ask.

PRESIDENT: By tradition the Speaker is allowed that privilege.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Now the question I want to ask is, because Senator Nichol was speaking in kind of a waffling fashion, Senator Nichol, is it your intention now to officially change your order so that then full responsibility for whatever happens is on you?

SPEAKER NICHOL: That is right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So now we are open to discuss the measure, like any other proposition?

PRESIDENT: That is correct. I assume now the motion before us is to place the bill on General File. Senator Hoagland should present the matter.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I will be brief, Mr. President. I think most of us have made up our minds and we don't need to spend more than 5 or 10 minutes on this issue. I will encourage other colleagues to call the question after both sides have had an opportunity to be heard. We discussed the issue thoroughly about a week ago, extensive materials were passed out then. Materials were passed out yesterday. I think it is clear from the evidence that here in Nebraska alone we will save 10 to 15 lives each year we have a helmet bill in place. We will save tens of thousands of dollars in hospital costs, many of which will be passed on to taxpayers, passed on to premium payers of casualty insurance companies. So it is not just the individuals that ride the motorcycles that have an interest in this bill, it is all of us, it is all of us because when somebody unnecessarily receives a head injury we all wind up paying. Now that is a brief summary of the reasons in favor of a helmet bill. I know you've had an opportunity to review letters and materials you've received on the issue. I would simply ask now that we bring this debate to a relatively quick close, have a vote, in the next 10 or 15 minutes, to pull it out of committee, and I would urge you to support that. Thank you, Mr. President.