

people of this state have put on the ballot the question as to whether or not our reasoning is right. Now that is because everybody drives cars, and it was easy to get that question on the ballot. It is not easy to get the question of motorcycle helmets on the ballot to have this check on our reasoning. I think that if we go forward right now it is quite possible we could result in the public saying to us we reject the rationale for the seat belts, but because motorcyclists are a minority they will never be able to use that same mechanism to use the public to check that rationale being applied in this situation. A helmet bill is, in essence, good policy. I support the bill. I support that idea. But we've got ourselves in a funny little crack where we've applied that same rationale to the public, and the public has said, hey, wait a minute, we want to vote on it first. Now we're about to say, well, I think we can do this on a smaller minority. We know that they probably don't have access to the ballot to put the question to us. It seems to me, in fairness, that you wait to see whether or not the public supports the application of this rationale to them. If they do, I personally will be here next year, I personally will introduce a helmet bill, and I personally will see to it that the question is not closed. However, I think the rationale for this is the same as the seat belts, and we should be in abeyance on this rationale until the public tells us whether they support this rationale or not.

PRESIDENT: One minute. Very well, relinquishing time. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I think we are going too far. The next thing we are going to have is a law against headsets, people who are jogging, walking, or going down the highway, because some states are starting to have laws on the earphones and the headsets. Also, the bill was amended to exclude all but novice drivers and those under 21. So, basically, the bill has been gutted. The committee heard the bill. They made the decision. I'm going along with the committee. I'll relinquish the rest of my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I just want to say one word about the procedure being used here today because it is going to come up again during the session. When I was speaking on an issue that nobody cared about, and I was speaking within the rules,