

fatalities continue at the rate of 24, 25, 23 per year so that it shows that this bill is not doing any good, it's not bringing fatalities down, at what point are you going to be willing to support a helmet bill?

SENATOR SMITH: Well I can't give you any point at which I would be willing to support a helmet bill. I'm hoping that this is the start. It has not been implemented as it should have been in the past. I think some new things have been added to this bill which will make it be a better bill so that we will ensure the fact that we have sites across the state. We have that opportunity out there for the motorcyclist to receive the training and I would presume that we will see a decrease in the loss of lives. But again, I will tell you this, Senator Hoagland, that I still think that we have to also address the fact that most of the accidents that occur do not occur because that motorcyclist himself is causing that accident. We need something else...

SENATOR CARSTEN: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...our driving requirements for auto drivers in their training.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Okay, you say you presume we'll see a decrease in lives lost. How many lives do you think we're going to save?

SENATOR SMITH: Again, I can't tell you numbers of lives.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Five or ten a year maybe?

SENATOR SMITH: I have no idea.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, Senator Smith, if we don't save those lives, if this bill...if two or three years from now we're still losing the same number of people...

SENATOR SMITH: We won't be.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: ...23, 20...all right, appreciate that.

SENATOR SMITH: I will at least say this much. My support for this bill is based on the fact that I think that we're going to, in fact I know we will save some lives.