

involved with these safety program with the education and they were opposed to 1004, but I now understand that they are going to support it and go with it. And I also want to add that, as I understand the bill, the individual who is taking the training is going to be required to wear that helmet and that's all a part of the program. I mean, that tells me that they are going to begin to see the value of a helmet and will be wearing it and I think this is important. We tried to pass a mandated law that they wear a helmet, but I was always, had a little misgivings about it even though I did vote for it. There would be a lot of individuals out there that still would not wear a helmet even though it is required. What we really need is an education to get that individual to learn how to use it and what it means to him as an individual. So I wholeheartedly support 1004.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beyer, please.

SENATOR BEYER: (No response.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis. Senator Beyer is first, ahead of you.

SENATOR BEYER: I've got a couple of questions of Senator Landis on this. Senator Landis, I have no problem with the education bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Great.

SENATOR BEYER: I support the helmets, you know, very vividly, but I have no problems with this. I have a couple of questions. Is there any requirement that people go through this test, or to take this course?

SENATOR LANDIS: No. There can be if a court orders it as part of probation, but otherwise, no. It's a voluntary choice by a motorcyclist.

SENATOR BEYER: So, consequently we might not have any more taking the course if it is offered them?

SENATOR LANDIS: That's a possibility.

SENATOR BEYER: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis.