

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR CONWAY: No objection, so ruled.

CLERK: AM3598, Senator Moore. (Senator Moore's AM3598 appears on pages 2115-17 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: I don't...I filed this yesterday and I don't know if it's printed in the the Journal. I'm asking that because I don't know. The answer is no. It's basically the same. It's technically changed from the amendment last time so it's not printed, but it was filed yesterday. I passed out the explanation on what the amendment does. I think it's...it's been...it's been a long-held, as it gets darker and darker in here, it's been a long-held belief from a, I don't know if that's a signal or not. Senator Lynch probably hopes it is, I imagine, it's getting darker, but nevertheless, I have said a number of times on this floor over the years that the problem I have with the motorcycle helmet law and putting that in statute in the State of Nebraska was that it was done soon after the voters of this state had voted out a seat belt law on themselves, and I've always said if you want to have both of them, that's fine, but you should either have both a seat belt law and a helmet law, or have neither one of them. I...this amendment I bring forth in good faith. If it's adopted, I will certainly support Senator Horgan's bill. I will, you know, if there's a motion to try and repeal this, I will not be part of it. If there's a referendum or anything like that, I will not actually be a part of it, and so it's one of those things that I...I think it's uniformity. If you're going to do these, they ought to be both in the same section of statute, ought to have similar penalties and, I mean, I just think it makes a lot of sense. What the amendment actually does, it actually does a few minor changes to our present statutory language with motorcycle helmets regarding chin straps and regarding federal...federal motor vehicle safety standards. It also makes the helmet fine the same as the seat belt fine. If they're both in the name of safety and they're both there to protect the public good and all those things, it makes the fine the same. Obviously, there is a...I believe there's a Supreme Court case pending on the seat...on the helmet. There's a repealer clause in the bill and it also amends, amends the committee amendments that if a motorcyclist and passenger are both stopped, the helmet