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push forward, in terms of being sure that they're done, we're now allowing to float back into that never-never land of...of bureaucratic discretion. And that can have its good side, obviously, but it can also have a bad side. And if you want to be sure that reform is carried forward, if you want to be sure that there are two tests at the grade school level, one between grades four and six, and one...or one in early education, and one in...in later grade school education, and one in high school, then you should keep the prior amendment and not this amendment, because it sets out that standard, it sets it out with a degree of flexibility, but it does set out a standard and sets some parameters. The argument is made that, well, we can compare ourselves at the federal level, at the nationwide level. But I suggest to you that we do well enough in this state that that's not going to be at all helpful to us. We always do well on national tests, for a variety of reasons, including the fact that I think we just simply have a good system here, but we also compete with school systems, public school systems that are terrible in other states, we also compete with states where a lot of the students go to private schools, a lot of the better students. So that comparison is not helpful to us. I think what we need to do is drive ourselves, compare ourselves, develop the standards, meet the standards, see where we're failing on the standards, understand how our system works statewide, know those areas where we can get better, which will not be taught to us by the federal test as much as it would be taught to us by having one statewide test and comparing it internally with how we're doing in all parts of the state and all parts of the system. So, that statewide test, it seems to me, can come about in a number of ways. You heard the discussion earlier indicating that several of the testing companies are willing to develop sections of their test that would relate specifically to Nebraska, which would cover or could cover those standards that are not otherwise covered by their test. I'm sure there would be lots of people who would be willing to compete to do a first rate job of getting for Nebraska one test that would cover all of their standards. So I don't think that it's a technical impossibility,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...it seems to all go back to that idea that