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I'm befuddled as to what Senator Bohlke's amendment is going to accomplish, even though it's adopted, I'm not going to vote for it. I don't think it's going to achieve anything. But I'm going to listen and see if I have not been attentive enough to understand what that is positive will result from this amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Dierks, on the Bohlke amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'd like to ask Senator Bohlke a question or two, please.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bohlke, would you yield?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Bohlke, I guess, I might have missed some of your early presentation. Are you intending to hold this over now until next year, this legislation?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Basically, that's true, Senator Dierks, but also removing the funding until we have more details, except for the funding for a report card and the incentive money, if schools would wish to participate in NAPE.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay. And that incentive money is for the NAPE testing program, is that right?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Only...only if they would choose to. It removes the mandate.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay. I need to ask you a couple other questions. It gets pretty general, but I've had letters from school administrators around the state and some teachers suggesting that we do an adequate job of testing today, and wondering why we're trying to change that? Can you give me that in a nutshell.

SENATOR BOHLKE: What I've been told, Senator Dierks, is the tests that we all know and we rely on, Iowa Basic, California