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LB 744

SENATOR CROSBY: ...you may have it. The...this isn't...I mean, these aren't seniors, you start early taking these tests so it helps the child as he or she goes along in school. Right?

SENATOR WITHEM: That's the goal behind it is to...and, again, these are not individually diagnostic tests. They are not...true, the schools do give tests to students when they enter kindergarten. They give tests several times throughout the year to diagnose individual students. What this is doing is an attempt for us to gather information on our...on our schools, on our student achievement and lots of other areas in order for us, as the state policymakers, to guide us in the area of making policy decisions.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to state that I have been following the green sheet with great interest and that's why it's put out. The green sheet states that 744 is going to cost \$1,600,000. I would like to ask Senator Moore a question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Moore, is there an A bill for 744? Will there be an A bill for 744? And, if not, why not?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I do not know the answer to that. Maybe Senator Withem can answer your question better than I can, but I'm trying to figure out where you get a million six. You're adding up all four years is where you're getting a million six.

SENATOR HABERMAN: You bet. Well, sure, just like you go up to the forty...LB 44 or you go to all of them, LB 89, LB 187, they all go four years, so I'm going to assume...

SENATOR MOORE: Well, the A bills do not go four years, they only go two years.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, but it's on the green sheet. Senator Withem.