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SENATOR ROBINSON: We should probably put in there the new NCAA rules, shouldn't we, that anyone that participates in an athletic endeavor should have a C+ average like they're doing to the colleges. I just...

SENATOR WITHEM: And unless they can pass. If they...if they're just running, yeah, we ought to have that standard. But if they can pass, maybe we...

SENATOR ROBINSON: I just wondered about that because I think if you're going to be on a soccer team, you ought to have a C+ average. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, I have a question for Senator Withem. And basically, Senator Withem stated very succinctly and very correctly in his opening about how the whole process of assessment and some outcome based assessment methods is very important to the future of education in the State of Nebraska, and as Senator Withem and others know, I certainly concur with that. I guess the question, Senator Withem, and I'll give you the balance of my time when I'm finished to answer it, is that as I looked down the list of the supporters of this bill, a variety of education groups that have always said, yes, we're for some sort of assessment methods, but they always tell you why nothing ever works. That's always the first answer out of their mouths is well, yeah, that would be great, but show me how it can work. And I guess I commend you for corralling them to...at least they've...they've finally, for one of the first times, said that we're going to try and find a way that it does work. I guess the simple question is, Senator Withem, I...is the amount of money in this bill, tell me why you believe that after...for years that many education groups have said it's really impossible to develop any sort of an assessment method that you can compare on, why do you think at this point that this...this particular plan and this particular amount of money will finally make this succeed in Nebraska. And I'll give you the balance of my time to convince me why it's my money well spent.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, first of all, a lot of the former proposals have been ones where basically we begin by taking a