

in this whole area of assessment, and that is how long should we, as public policy makers, grant that this process will take. I spent a lot of time, over the summer, visiting with people around the country on this. And one of the conclusions that even the national commission working on this, is this is not a quick fix item. And it's simply pulling some pre-existing standardized tests, such as the SAT, or the ACT, or California basics, or one of those tests. And using that is not an answer to our accountability issues. So I think this will take a great deal of time. It does not mean that, if people have good ideas for interim steps to take in the meantime, that those should not be given fair and due consideration. But I guess I should say I'm going to be a little skeptical about anything that appears to be a quick fix, because the sort of learner outcomes that you just heard Senator Bernard-Stevens mention are not ones that we can pull a NAPE test, or some other test off the shelf and use, that those.... So I'm not giving you a straight yes or no answer. I guess my... as close to that as I can come would be this does not foreclose legitimate attempts by the Legislature to create interim steps between now and 1996, but I will be skeptical of those if they appear to be quick fix sorts of things. That's as honest as I can be with you as an individual senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, senators. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak to this amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Withem?

SENATOR WITHEM: Hearing no further debate I would just merely urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. We will now vote on the Withem amendment to LB 245. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Withem and Senator Bernard-Stevens amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Withem would move to amend.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Withem.