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SENATOR BOHLKE: It leaves, if you read the bill carefully, really, it's fairly wide open and leaves, for the Department of Education, a great deal of latitude.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Let me move laterally on that question of latitude because it is a very wide-open bill. In the previous law and what's being...another thing that's being eliminated is that the test be given at certain grade ranges. And the current law indicated that one assessment would be in grade ranges four to six, another one seventh and nine, and another one ten through twelve. Now we've eliminated that requirement altogether, so now it's left to the Department of Education as to whether they do those ranges; whether they, instead of doing three, do two; what years they pick out. It's completely left up to the Department of Education. And the legislative guidance that was part of that reform effort is no longer there. Why did the Department of Education...what was their objection to these three standards in terms of...in terms of which grades would be tested, or how often we would test? What was the objection to that?

SENATOR BOHLKE: I believe that the issue was that they wanted the flexibility to react, depending on what test different school districts may select, because...and it may, as I understand it, it may be different with different school districts. Some may do it in the fall, some may do it in the spring, and I think it would probably depend on what test those school districts were selecting...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...as to determining...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...when they're going to give it. If you're going to give it in the eleventh grade, it wouldn't make much sense to do it in the spring, or at least to me it wouldn't. It doesn't give a student much time to react.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And under the bill, and I think I saw that under some of the written materials that came out from the