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curious how many in this body really understand what the standards are. I mean, in your amendment, Senator Schimek is shaking her head, she probably knows (laugh), but...and in the amendment we are...this...what this is all about is assessment, state assessment of the standards, and I think it's very important that we...and perhaps I'm the only one who doesn't understand, but I think it's very, very important that we all understand what these, the standards, are before we vote on something like this. This is kind of a very big issue. And I think in the past a lot of the schools issues we've passed, because we're all interested in good education, we're all interested in people giving the best education we can to our youth in Nebraska, but I think in the past we've passed quite a few issues as far as dealing with education that we didn't fully understand. And so that's why I want to listen to all this debate because I want to know more about it before I cast an aye or a nay vote on this. So thank you very much.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, I have a question for somebody, I think maybe Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Beutler, what does your amendment change that isn't already in place?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, that's a good question, Senator. If you're referring to current law,...

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...if we rejected the...

SENATOR DIERKS: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...Bohlke amendment altogether?