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the...was there a cost associated with? Who pays for the cost? Is that the local district; is that the state?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Current...with this, the local district does not have to pay for it. Previously, that was a criticism from the local districts that they had, it was a cost to them and they didn't get individual district information and so they objected. This they do not. It does not cost them any money.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Also, with developing of this national assessment test, does Nebraska have any voice in doing that or...?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Absolutely not, and most all states do it. They were talking about just doing the national test for the whole nation, but it is a stratified, random sampling and it's done very scientifically, and we do not have any, as a state, any input.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Tyson. Excuse me, Senator Tyson. An amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Jones would move to amend Senator Bohlke's amendment. (AM1507, Legislative Journal page 1716.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jones, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR JONES: Yes, I've just filed this amendment and it hasn't been on your machine yet, I don't think, unless it just got there. But, anyway, this amendment is a amendment to AM0880, and on page 2, it takes it out from line 17 through 20, and this will get rid of the part that says that: Any school district selected to participate in the National Assessment of Education process (sic--Progress) shall participate to the full extent requested by the National Center of Education (sic--Educational) Statistics of designate (sic). This is a mandate and I'd like to see that taken out of it and hopefully that this will help move it on a little farther. But I still have some questions about the assessment part of it