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SENATOR BOHLKE: As a right of a parent you may have your child opt out of the test, yes.

SENATOR HILGERT: Senator Bohlke, that's fantastic answer. That puts a lot of the issues at ease that...the concerns that have been brought up to me, and I appreciate your answer. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Mr. Speaker. Mr. Clerk, rather.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the Bohlke amendment. (FA123, Legislative Journal page 1717.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, this amendment has two parts. The first part is the one test amendment that I presented to you just a bit ago that had a 19 to 13 vote on it. That's part one of it. Part two of it is the Jones amendment, which eliminates the specific NAEP test. So what you would have with this, with this amendment, is the elimination of the specific test, which is objected to by many people, but in the long term going back, in the year 2007, to the one test. And when that one test is chosen some time in the future, the local school districts will be able to have some serious input on what that one test is and it will not necessarily and probably will not be the NAEP test, being as controversial as that test seems to be with a number of people. So it's...it's an amendment which tries to combine a combination of the concerns of various people and, at the same time, hopefully moves us in the right direction. So I would offer that for your consideration.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We are now debating the Beutler amendment to the Bohlke amendment to LB 144. Senator Landis, on the Beutler amendment. He waives. Senator Jones, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR JONES: Am I up?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jones.