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now, in order for us to get back in the...in the practice of using this test, we need to make it mandatory, whether it's funded or not. I mean...

SENATOR BOHLKE: And it really went at the issue because if we aren't going to have one test...it goes back (laugh) to the same argument of one test.

SENATOR DIERKS: I see.

SENATOR BOHLKE: When we...when the committee came to the frustration that we could not agree with the state board and the commissioner about one test and we finally said uncle, we'll do what you wish to do, and then the discussion was, well, at least we should have some common measurement in the state and that's really why...how we got to this, Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: So this is really...really something that the State Department of Education has asked us to do.

SENATOR BOHLKE: No, this was...the State Department of Education did not want us to do one test. When we said, all right, March 26th, State Department of Education and State Board of Education and commissioner, you know better than we and we will support what you want to do, but we still think it's important to have some common measurement in the state and that's why the motion was made in committee. Because we were no longer even doing the NAEP tests, so we thought there's nothing out there. I do not think...a majority of the state board does not object to the NAEP test. I believe three members have circulated letters that they object. The rest of the members I think have given you letters saying they do not object.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Beutler, on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd move to recess till 1:30 p.m.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's a motion to recess until 1:30. Before we take a vote on that, Mr. Clerk, you have items for the