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SENATOR BOHLKE: That...no, that...the report card is apart from the test, it's separate. This would just be information school districts have that they...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...could turn in.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, okay. I just wanted to make sure I understood that. And from what you said, I do understand it. I don't understand it all, but I understand that part of it. And I'm going to listen to the rest of the discussion, because it's an interesting concept and I want to see what else I can learn from this process. And so, thank you for taking the time out to answer my questions, and thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Tyson, on the Bohlke amendment to LB 144.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I have in my hand the Norfolk Daily News, from May the 11th, and there is something in here that we all ought to be concerned with. They have ranked cars as to defects. They have found that the fewest defects is in a Jaguar, and another, at the bottom of the list is a car called a Kia, whatever that may be. And the reason I bring this to your attention, because it also appeared in the Omaha World-Herald, I believe, is that we should be concerned about the ranking of schools. Senator Bohlke asked about the dangers of ranking schools one through whatever number there is. I cannot understand why we would not want to rank those schools. I cannot conceive of why we would not want to rank each teacher and each student, not a random sampling, find out what they have been taught. I refuse to believe that the children in those schools can't be taught, and therefore if they are not being taught, if they have the ability to do so, to take that teaching, to learn, then the people at fault are not the students, it is either the teachers or their overseers, including the Department of Education. Now I certainly buy what Senator Bohlke is saying about an interim study and about delaying this. I don't see any urgency to it. But I do not know how we can otherwise know that the money that is spent out