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Senator Bohlke.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR STUHR: My...my question has to do with the cost and how that is broken down. I understand \$220,000 will go for the report card. Who is to receive this money? Where is it going?

SENATOR BOHLKE: The \$220,000 would go to the Department of Education, because there's going to be a statewide report card. Many schools have individual report cards.

SENATOR STUHR: Right. So, do we have a breakdown on...I know it's going to the Department of Education. It seems that it wouldn't...that the cost...

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, I have that.

SENATOR STUHR: ...it seems a little bit high to me, when many of the schools already have the outline, that they could actually maybe put it on the Internet, I mean, a form to follow. I mean what...

SENATOR BOHLKE: It is going to take a person to get all the information from all the report cards, from the individual districts, and then report that electronically, so that you could look what your school district was doing to the statewide report card. And they're going to have to take all of that and show what the statewide average is. Say that you have two teachers with master's degrees in Bradshaw, what's that compared to what's the statewide average for schools with master's degrees? And so there's going to have to be staffing personnel doing the data entry, and they have that at \$40,000, and a systems design analyst, so they'll have to have a software person to put this and develop this electronic statewide report card. And, as you know, those people these days are very expensive, and that's \$90,000.

SENATOR STUHR: Are...are they going to look at a model from other states? I would hope, because I know that many states do