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higher learning. And I was thinking as I read that article about Peru State that what they should do is ask us to pass a law that would enable them to charge the high schools, the secondary education givers, for all of the cost of the remedial because those represent absolute failures on the part of education. How much that would be I don't know. Maybe it's a small sum. What we're talking about in Sections 7 through 14 of LB 1399 is also a small amount. State aid to education this year, I believe, is something in the nature of \$603 million, special ed costs is another \$150 million, we're talking about three-quarters of a billion dollars, and the sums mentioned in this are minuscule against that amount. At very best, by the numbers contained in the Thompson amendment to the committee amendments, this is nothing more than a gesture. And I regret that it's a gesture that takes attention away from the major portion of LB 1399, which is the salary study. The way to test a teacher, the way to find out who is a Master Teacher, we're going to discuss later this afternoon, after one more bill is heard. We're going to go to LB 812, we're going to be talking about a standard test or multiple standard tests for the state of Nebraska. You want to test a teacher? You want to see how good the teacher is? I know an easy, quick, inexpensive way to do it, test the student.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: You can have the finest teacher in the world, according to some board far, far away; and if their students can't do the task required, then that is not a good teacher and saying he is or she is doesn't make them so. The thought occurred to me that this may be a separate subject altogether, not germane to this bill, but I'm not mentioning...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR TYSON: ...I never mentioned germaneness, because that would be mean spirited, and I'm only mean spirited three times a day, and I've still got nine hours to go...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: ...and I want to same them. I ask you to vote