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standards, somebody has to have the standards in place. Well, when this idea began, it was that the standards that would be tested were the standards of the State Department of Education which have been enacted. But now the system has further disintegrated, as I see it, because of the Opinion of the Attorney General, and the standards to be tested are not the State Department of Education standards. We're not testing to see if the students meet those standards, but we will be testing to see if the students meet the standards that are enacted by their own particular school districts. Okay? So the assumption of the whole matter is that the local school districts have standards, but one of the fallacies of what's in place right now is that neither our statutes nor the regulations of the Department of Education require any school district to have any standards. They don't require them to adopt the Department of Education standards. They don't require them to have equally rigorous standards of their own, although they may be different. In fact, it indicates that they may have no standards at all. Well, then if you have no standards at all how do you test those standards? Maybe I can be better informed on the system that's being put in place, but that is the total illogic, as I see it, of what's being done. We're asking for the testing of standards but we make no requirement that there be any standards to be tested. So that brings us to this amendment, which basically says, and I'll just read it to you because I think it's important that...that you...that you understand its provisions. It says: In accordance with time lines that are adopted by the State Board of Education, so they decide when, but in no event later than July 1st of the year 2003, each school district shall adopt measurable quality academic content standards for every grade level in the subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science, social studies, and history. The standards, and this is the important part, may be the same as, or may be equal or exceed in rigor the measurable model academic content standards adopted by the state board. Then it says the State Department of Education shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to ensure that this is done. So I would think this amendment would be acceptable to everybody because without this amendment you have no system whatsoever. You have no assurance there will be standards. Without the standards you can have no testing. Without testing you cannot have assessment, and the whole system may collapse as to one or more