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I...with the writing assessment, they have to proceed ahead with that, Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. I just wanted everybody to be aware of that and I will give the balance of my time to Senator Beutler. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Tyson, thank you. Senator Bohlke, if I could have an exchange with you, I would like to clarify one item.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bohlke, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Let me...

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm sorry, Senator, I didn't notice you were on the phone, but let's...let's get one part clear. Up until yesterday, this was the law that was in LB 812: "The assessment and reporting system shall be aligned with the standards approved by the board." That was a major point. We weren't going to be concerned with whether the individual school districts had standards because if their students out there were going to be tested against the state standards then the argument was, well, it would all have to come around. Why was that sentence dropped?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Beutler, that sentence was dropped...I don't think it was yesterday, but last Friday or...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Last Friday.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...or when...whenever we were bringing the amendments on the bill, because that had to do with the State Board of Education and the Attorney General's Opinion and looking at the conflict that may be there, which we have said...basically said that's not our argument. We can go ahead with a writing assessment. That isn't our...