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children are being given a decent education when they're not. They have a segregated school system and this system produces segregated results. Omaha does not want a system of accountability, and I do. If my child is doing poorly I want to know it. I don't want a sham group of A's written on a report card and I ask my child, what is that letter, and the child does not even know what the letters are. Cheating is what is encouraged. Senator...I'm going to call him by his right name, let me see what...oh, Senator Tyson mentioned these different weapons and how you aim them and what the consequences are, things that can be done and so forth. If you don't have standards it's like saying we're going to have a foot race, and you say, well, what's the distance? Well, there's no set distance. Well, where we...where we going to run it? Well, Senator Kremer is going to start at 12th and O and he's going to run east on O. And Senator Landis is going to start on 13th and O and he's going to run west on O. Senator Quandahl is going to start on 14th and K and he's going to run south. And Senator Bourne is going to start right at the interstate and he's going to run north. And Senator Byars is going to run around the Capitol Building. Well, how far are they to run? Well, it doesn't matter, they just run. And this is a race? Yes, it is. Well, who are they racing against? Well, they're racing against each other. Preposterous, but that's what we're being asked to accept the way things are now. When people run a race there's a set distance. They all run on the same track. You don't have some people running down the track and others running across and around the infield and they're all in the same race. When they're going to high jump, they all jump over the same bar into the same pit. In ice-skating, those of you who watch it, they have what they call compulsory figures that every skater must go through, every skater. Then they have freestyle. In some gymnastics programs they have certain required or compulsory moves. Then you can just do like you want to do and show all of your skill, your creativity and innovation, but first you've got to show that you've master...you have mastered the basics. I want to be sure that when a child, even though what is called history in America is largely mythology, I want state standards and we can test in social studies, in science, in math, in reading. I don't believe it makes any sense...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.