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SENATOR BEUTLER: I was just going to finish briefly. If having standards is not important and testing is not important, why is it that in every course you've ever taken you've had standards, material that you're supposed to learn and a test? We don't know any other way, do we? If it's so invalid, why does every professor and every teacher employ it in every class? I think that we have to be consistent in how we look at these things. And if it's valid for one reason, why wouldn't it be valid for the other? Anyway, so much for testing. This amendment, though, is not about one test versus multiple tests. That's another part of the discussion for a later amendment. But this amendment is about whether you're going to have any standards at all because don't...recall that you don't have any state standards that are enforceable, and you don't have any requirement that there be any standards at the local level. And if there are no standards at the local level, then how can you require, as you do in this bill, that there be an assessment of students to see how they're meeting the standards? So all I'm suggesting is that we put in a provision that brings the system together and makes clear at least one way of approaching the assessment testing problem. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I would like to yield some time to Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bohlke, you have almost five minutes.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Chambers. As I announced to you those schools that did not either have an alternative education plan or standards and said you could check with me, those are schools that scored above the statewide average on the ACT. Obviously, there are half the schools that would not have and so for those schools we do not know, and I wanted to clarify that on the record. I still believe that the numbers would be small, but I wanted to make that clear. And thank you, Senator Chambers, for giving me the opportunity.