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were found cheating because of wanting to set that goal of exceeding and doing very well on a test. Wisconsin, they actually withdrew a test that had mandated that all high school graduates must pass. In Virginia, they set their standards so high, state mandated standards, that last year only 7 percent of them met their goals. So there is a lot of confusion I think. Someone also asked where was that source from, and I did want to update that. That was found December 23, 1999, in the Lincoln Journal Star, so I'm sorry that we didn't have the location of that particular source on there. I am not in favor of the Legislature mandating standards or curriculum. In the past, I believe that schools, they do set their goals. They do have standards actually in place as we've talked about. I believe that this is the policy of the State Board of Education that they do the curriculum mandating and setting of the policy in that area. Again, I think that if we start mandating we will see this regulation by the state, and we forget that students are actually taught by teachers, and this is the most important thing in looking at student achievement. It's the most important element. We can set all kinds of standards, but the most important thing is going to be that teacher in that classroom and how they work with that student. And I'm very proud of our education system in Nebraska. I think that we should all be very proud. We do very well not only...we've talked about the ACT test, but all of the schools right now also have standardized tests that they take, Iowa Basic,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: ...California, and our students are always in the top ten ranking of all of the states across the nation. So sometimes I get really frustrated by...I think the discussion has been good because this is a very important thing that we are talking about when we're looking at education reform. I still believe that this policy of dictating and mandating curriculum should be to the State Board of Education. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Chambers, and this will be your third time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Stuhr a question; and, Senator Stuhr,