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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR REDFIELD: ...comparisons. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Raikes, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Beutler, if I could, I'd like to ask you a couple of questions. In particular, I notice in subsection (2), I think it is, the statement that says: "The department shall maintain results of the assessments administered under this section and shall consider the results as accreditation indicators." So let me pose a situation. Suppose this amendment is adopted and we have a single statewide test, and I'm a district out there and we have...I think Senator Bohlke says we have 580 districts. Say I come in 578. We've got a ranking system here, in effect, because we'll have a test score for each school district. I think that's what you're suggesting. So I come in 578. Now what?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, not necessarily anything. I would think that the department, over time, not in the short term but over time, would want to assess its experience with the tests, and view the...view the...

SENATOR RAIKES: So...so what you're suggesting is that the result might not be right. I mean if we're going to have this kind of test and somebody is going to be first and somebody is going to be 580th, right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I suppose so.

SENATOR RAIKES: So I'm 578th, now what?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, if you are 578th, Senator, and what your kids did vis-a-vis the standards was very good still, then nothing. You know...

SENATOR RAIKES: So it might be...it might be that that's good