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SENATOR BEUTLER: Well,...

SENATOR RAIKES: ...they are. I'm a school district.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...Senator, I...let me say this. I'm not sure about all of the implications that go with the loss of accreditation but I'd be glad to find out, find that out for you.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay, well, what I...I guess I'm more interested in...in the general procedure or approach that's being suggested, and thank you for those answers. I...but let me suggest this. I support the standards, I voted for Senator Beutler's amendment, but I don't support a single statewide test. I would suggest to you that if you were in the situation that I just described that probably one of the procedures that might be recommended to remedy my situation would be exactly...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...what's suggested in school-based assessment; that is the department may well work with the school...the school district to try to come up with testing procedures or assessment measures, other mechanisms, to try to improve the performance in my school system. The single statewide test, and I'm repeating myself, I think is heavily tilted toward public accountability and to some extent at the expense of educational goals. Now I readily admit to you that there's some uncertainties with school-based testing as compared to a statewide single test, but I certainly think that those complications and uncertainties lean the system toward its educational versus...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...its public accountability goals. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, just