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For that reason, I remain opposed to this particular Beutler amendment. As you know, I did not...I was not up saying adamantly opposed to the last two. In fact, I said if I had been on the state board, I would have gone the other way. But with this, the amount of time I've spent discussing it with people and looking at the issue, I think that we could be taking a step backwards from where we want to be in pushing higher standards, more rigorous...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...standards, and improving the quality of education in our classroom. And as I said, I know you don't want to do that, Senator Beutler, and so maybe we can continue discussions, and at some time come to an agreement, or maybe I could hope that you would have that "aha" experience. Thank you.

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

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. I just got started when I was talking before because I was trying to explain, number one, that I didn't have a concern about one test because, you're right, Senator Suttle, that is the culmination. And we know that that means that there have been multiple assessments that occur before we ever get to that point. So what I'm trying to discern here, and I'd like to have a conversation with Senator Beutler to see where he's going with this because I'm wondering if you would answer, are you looking for just one test that the state would do and allow the school districts to do theirs on their own; besides you're just saying we're not going to mandate that the school districts do their own besides? Is that where you're going, Senator?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, Senator, if I understand you correctly. Let me just restate it and you can...you can tell me whether I'm answering you properly. But for just the accountability portion of all that we're interested in, I would ask every school district to test their students vis-a-vis the state standard,