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board has adopted, the state board standards; the second says that the state board must make those standards clear and more specific. That was also the opinion of the Attorney General. So we have done those two things. The number of school districts who have not adopted standards I do not think is that significant, but we'll soon find out. As far as, we're ending the debate now as if we should have...on the subject should we have one test? The writing test, one test...one test that Senator Beutler would like us to use, the writing assessment, which is the test that I proposed that I thought is in this bill if you pass it right now, and the plan of the commissioner's to do the multiple testing for the school districts. So, as we advance this, I know Senator Beutler and I know he'll be back, but as we advance it we're saying we're going forward with the writing assessment for all schools, and we're going forward with the State Department of Education's plan for the multiple test and letting schools develop those for the standards. That's what will happen with the advancement of LB 812, and I'm sure when we get to Select File, if this is successful, we will once again be debating and discussing the advantages and disadvantages of one statewide test purchased from a testing company. So, with that, I would ask you for the advancement of LB 812.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. The question is the advancement of LB 812 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 812.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, the A bill.

CLERK: LB 812A, Mr. President, by Senator Bohlke. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President and members, until we sort out, Senator Smith had asked the question if there would be any added costs for what we had done, and I said, if so, I didn't