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I believe, it's math, the same process would take place. And the standards, that we mandated had to be more clear, would have to be more clear at the time they were getting ready to assess them. So by next year they have to be clear for reading. They would have an additional year to get them ready to be clear for math. The next year, I believe, they add science. They'd have to, by that time, have them more clear for science, and I believe social studies is, in the order, the last one where they would have to be made more clear. And so...and I think that makes sense, before they do the assessment they have to have the standards clear. If you're testing on the standards, it makes sense that they should be clear, or we think they should be clear. But it also gives them...we don't have to have them do all of them at once,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...being as they aren't going to be assessing.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler, Senator Bohlke. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend, Mr. President. (FA364, Legislative Journal page 1526.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, this amendment is just for purposes of holding time here while we take a few more minutes to get the amendment up that has been agreed upon by many people anyway. You may recall that there were two central issues with respect to where we left this matter on...after General File. And one was the issue of being clear that what we were testing was the state standards, and that everything related to a test being given insofar as the state was concerned you needed to test how your students were doing as against the state standard. That didn't mean and doesn't mean and won't mean, under the proposed amendment, that you cannot give additional tests or cannot add to your test for the purpose of testing your own local standards. You may well want to do that, if your standards are higher, for example, than the state standards. So, that issue is then clarified in the amendment so