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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the body, I have a couple of questions. And I would...I've had a number of contacts from constituents who were concerned about this. I think most of them work for ESUs, but I still need to know exactly what we're doing here. And so, Senator Bohlke, if you would, first of all, there's still the standardized test that students take, right, a statewide kind of assessment over those national standards, if you will?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Schools will continue to do their standardized tests that they have always done,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...Iowa Basic type (inaudible).

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And they have a choice of those?

SENATOR BOHLKE: They will...yes, that's to...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: They still have the choice?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And then the multiple assessments, tell me again, every school that's working on those assessments right now, will use those this first year, and then after that there will be an evaluation of all of those, and five of those will be picked, and those will become the kind of standardized tests for the whole state.

SENATOR BOHLKE: The next time that the reading would come around, say that we did that,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...instead of everyone being able to do whatever they want, they would have to select from one of five. It's currently five, the amendment Senator Beutler is going to