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versus now, because of statewide standardized tests. There must be a fine distinction, that I am not able to grasp, between where we were and where we're going. And I...if there's a simple way to explain that, I'd be interested, otherwise I'll talk to you privately.

SENATOR BOHLKE: The only thing that I know is that people reacted to the one Beutler amendment that would have made them do standards for each grade level, and that was something I didn't catch on the Beutler amendment, Senator Beutler didn't intend to do.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay.

SENATOR BOHLKE: As that was picked up by the schools, they were very concerned, and of course that would have had a significant A bill as well.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, Senator Bohlke, if I could continue with some questions. Now, one of the issues I think you correctly stated was that schools were concerned about standards for each grade level. But I think the other issue was simply mandating standards. Now are we mandating standards for schools?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, we are. I said that before we took the vote, told everyone that, and we did it.

SENATOR RAIKES: So, we're...we're...we are mandating standards, the thing is we're mandating standards though for only three grades.

SENATOR BOHLKE: That's correct.

SENATOR RAIKES: And there are no plans to change that; we'll select three grades and we'll have standards for those and...

SENATOR BOHLKE: Well, you could have standards for the other