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any other test they might think appropriate to compare their students to students in other states. And obviously it doesn't take away the student's right to take the ACT or the SAT so it's only...we're only even talking about a single test to the extent that we're suggesting that with respect to the focus on state standards that there ought to be either one or very few assessment tools. They all should be doing the same thing roughly. So it doesn't take away any school district's right to do more as long as they're doing the minimum that's required under this bill. So I hope that part is clear to everyone. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Debate on the Beutler amendment. Senator Crosby.

**SENATOR CROSBY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I'll vote for the Beutler amendment because I see what you're saying, Senator Beutler, that perhaps four is a...it seems like five is quite a few. But in the next to the last bullet on the back page on the reverse side of this sheet there are some things that concern me. Report the performance of public schools based upon the results of the assessment, provide information for the public and policymakers on the performance of public schools, and provide for the comparison of Nebraska public schools to their peers and to school systems of other states and other countries. That sounds like we're pitting schools against schools. It seems to me what we should be finding out with these tests, I'm going to call them tests because assessment sounds like an evaluation to me. And if you're taking a test, it seems like you get some kind of results. But I don't know why a student in Juniata, Nebraska, or Kenesaw which is Adams County, Senator Bohike's area, should be compared necessarily because of the school they go to, the school should be compared to a school perhaps in Falls City or Omaha or Lincoln or York. And that sounds to me what you're doing. This really concerns me and maybe I don't understand since I'm not on your Education Committee and you people talk about this all the time. But here we are how many days away from the end and you're bringing in I think a real big change, and that makes me nervous because I'll never forget one particular change that a particular senator who was chairman of the Government Committee flipped in, Senator Schimek, remember way back, and we paid for that. I can't quite