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standardized test. But you also say other countries, and I'm wondering how our assessment would compare with other countries.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I believe that those NAEP scores often are put out and I don't know if there's a way...it's usually the TIMSS that's the other countries. The NAEP scores would be put out there to other countries how our children are performing. But I don't think we would be comparing test to test.

SENATOR REDFIELD: So actually within our assessment system according to LB 812 the way it will be, we won't be taking any test that other countries would actually be taking that we could compare.

SENATOR BOHLKE: No.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Okay. I just wanted to clarify that. And I want to again thank you for your work. I'm going to support the bill. I'm going to support the amendment. I think you've done excellent work. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Senator Beutler, if I could ask you a question or two. You...when you were talking about the amendment and the Bohlke amendment and your amendment to it, you mentioned that this gives schools a great deal of flexibility and that we're mandating standards but we're mandating only that they have state standards or standards that are more rigorous in one or more respects. Is that correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The requirement with respect to the local standards is that they either adopt the state standards or adopt standards that are equal to or more rigorous than the state standards.

SENATOR RAIKES: So the possibility for, I mean given the components of those standards, the possibilities for combinations and permutations of...result in a large number.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.