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Mr. President, by Senator Witek. Senator Witek is excused until she arrives.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Is there anyone authorized to handle that amendment? Seeing none. We'll move on.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending to this piece of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We're now moving to debate on this portion of the committee amendments as divided. Senator Bohlke, you are recognized to close on this division of the committee amendments.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. This is where we left off yesterday and had a lengthy discussion. Have said that this...we have standards that are being adopted in the state. The state board has committed to the necessity of having a test to measure those standards if we are improving. And we had an interim study on it and the recommendation, as in the bill, that says the testing program shall consist of one test purchased from a recognized testing service which tests students in the areas of mathematics, reading, science, and social studies, plus one writing test. That's essentially what we're asking to do and it would be one test across the state. With that, that is my closing. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the third division, which is Section 4 of the bill. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of this component of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: It is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next component, Senator Bohlke, I believe is FA546, which consists of Section 3 of the original committee amendments. (FA546 appears on page 912 of the Legislative Journal.)