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I'd say, and go either direction, and when they're little and they do that, they're proud, and such things as that to make sure my children were learning the types of things I thought they ought to know. And it should not have been my job to teach my children because they were going to public school; but if I didn't, my daughter Gayla might be saying to this day, I were a good child when I were in school. (Laugh) She'd meet somebody on the street and instead of saying, how are you, she'd say, how you were? Teachers, teachers in good standing, then a lot of times they blame children and blame children's parents, just as you should blame somebody who has cancer for dying, just as you should blame somebody who comes to the hospital sick for being sick and not getting well when the doctors are not properly performing their work. Only in the schools do you excuse people from doing that which they're paid to do. If every person who went into the hospital walking came out the other door on a slab, you'd say something is wrong in that hospital. But in the schools, if they come in alert and alive and figuratively speaking go out the back door on a slab where their brain is dead, then that's the parents' fault, that's the children's fault because they didn't learn. Then what is the teacher required to do? What is demanded of the teacher? Not much of anything. So when I hear all this praising of teachers, it get...it cloy. I cannot sit through it. If they would just come on in here and say, we want to bribe these teachers and it's a good political move or whatever, any other reason there is, just say that, but don't tell me what a great job these teachers are doing. Maybe some are, but a lot are not and that's why the teachers speak against a test for teachers. If they're doing what they should do, they should welcome a test to show what they can do, to let the parents know that I, who am teaching your children, know enough about this subject to teach them. But, no, I don't want to take the test because I cannot pass it. What my amendment would do, again, is to reduce that \$7,500 bounty to \$5,000. And if this amendment is adopted I will not offer other amendments to that portion of the bill. But if it is not adopted, I might just go crazy. I'm not saying I will, but people who are crazy, you don't know what they're going to do and they don't know what they're going to do. And there was a girl in...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.