

general appropriations will be reduced to the Department of Education for those reimbursed amounts for special education. And then the final step is that the general appropriation then provides that same amount of money that comes from the Medicaid dollars at the federal level to...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes.

SPEAKER BAACK: I need to interrupt you just a second. The Clerk did just tell me that your amendment is to the bill, and it was...rather than to the committee amendments, and we do have other amendments to the committee amendments pending. So, we will go to those committee amendments. That was our mistake, not yours. So, we did make a mistake there. So we will go to the other amendments on the committee amendments. I apologize for that, Senator Rasmussen. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator, I apologize as well. Forgive me. The next amendment to the committee amendments is by Senator Wickersham...Senator Conway has the next amendment to the committee amendments. (Conway amendment, AM3552, appears on page 1378 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. The amendment that I offer has been, I just recently passed out, I believe. And what that amendment does, if you'll remember, we suspended the rules the other day for the purpose of addressing a late introduction of a bill dealing with the athletic commissioner. Upon that hearing, the committee met in executive session and discussed the merits of the bill and some of the discussion that went on during that hearing, and during that time basically felt that it was probably not in our best interest at this point in time to eliminate the Athletic Commission. The way the bill was written, we were going to be transferring some of those duties around. There were other considerations relative to having the standards by which the Athletic Commission operates held in force, in statute, but would be administered at the local level by...whether it be the City of Lincoln, or Omaha, or a county, or anyone else who was going to conduct an athletic event that falls under the oversight of the commission and of those standards. What I