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that remains as a part of this amendment. The next amendment to the amendment we get to will actually strip everything else from the amendment. And I'll return the remaining time to the Chair.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Kristensen, your light is next. Waives off. There are no further lights for the discussion of the committee amendments. Madam Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Bohlke would move to amend the committee amendments. (AM2507, Legislative Journal page 770.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Bohlke, on the amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR BOHLKE: This amendment to the committee amendments would strip everything from the original amendment, except for the part that removed the fees for litigation. In this amendment was a portion from LB 1406 that we placed on the bill as it came out of committee. We had a great deal of reaction from a number of people saying that they thought that should remain in LB 1406 and it had to do with the costs of the state wards in institutions. The argument that it worked better in total in the bill that it was in made sense to the committee, felt that we should put LB 1406 out and actually remove this from this bill. And so this amendment had said that costs for state wards placed in institutions would be a joint recommendation from the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services. It did not have anything that answered the question, wonder if they didn't agree. And as we had this discussion it seemed to get more and more complicated, and we thought it was not appropriate in this bill and actually should remain in LB 1406, which dealt with a number of other things with regard to state wards.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. The discussion is on the amendment to the amendment. Senator Beutler, your light is on.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bohlke, just a quick reminder, if you could. We're now capping it at 5 percent. What has been the percentage increase in special education for the last three or