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sidewalks, conveyors, and dumbwaiters. The \$150 fee covers the first five floors, and any additional floor over that is charged at \$5 per floor. The initial inspection fee for the elevators not included in the special class shall be \$200 for the first five floors. And the reason for the difference in these inspection fees is they're more complicated to inspect the regular elevators. Now any elevator that does not pass the initial inspection requires a reinspection and will be charged the same fee as the initial inspection. If a special inspection is requested, the fee is \$200 for the first five floors and \$5 for each additional floor. Such fees shall be paid prior to the issuance of the inspection certificate. The elevator inspection program is funded entirely from cash funds and so it's important to maintain inspection fees at a level sufficient to preserve the financial integrity of the program. Now while this bill establishes the maximum fees that may be charged, it does not mean that the Department of Labor will immediately charge that rate. It took from 1992 until 2001 before the department increased the rate to the maximum of \$75. However, an increase is required and the department anticipates increasing the current fee by about \$20 within a year. The committee did advance this out of committee with a 6 to 0 vote and 1 senator absent. And with that, I would urge the adoption of this bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham, Chairman of the Business and Labor Committee. Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Synowiecki has AM1006. Senator, I have note you want to withdraw that amendment.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Correct, Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Synowiecki would move to amend with AM2344. (Legislative Journal page 877.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Synowiecki, to open to AM2344.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. AM2344 is an underlying bill which this year was