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September 30, '06; \$4.85 an hour from October 1, '06, through September 30, '07; and \$5.15 an hour after October 1, '07. And under Section 3, if an employer violates the training wage statute, the employer shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor, which is the same as a violation under the minimum wage statute. And that just basically describes the changes in the bill. Senator Beutler has given you a handout of what the bill actually does with the correct dates, so I'm going to return my time to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cunningham, thank you. I think I'll just take up the conversation with the amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk. Did you wish your time back, Senator Cunningham? No. Mr. Clerk, amendment, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the committee amendments with AM2516. (Legislative Journal pages 1317-1318.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, this concept sheet that you have in front of you anticipates this amendment. It is a description of what the bill does, with this amendment, and the reason that this amendment is being added is very simple: It doesn't depart at all from the methodology that was used to update the minimum wage from the last time it was changed in 1997. The committee approved a particular methodology for doing that. The only difference is, one more year has passed, and so we have one more year of actual data that was added, and it is updated taking into account that additional year. But the methodology that was used was the same, so that what you will have at a more distant point in time, you'll have an increase of, as you see on the sheet, to \$5.59, which will be in place through September of 2007; and then it changes to \$6.02 from October 1 of 2007 to September 30