tional acts and we talked about the unfairness or possible
unfairness in many situations of requiring or instituting
a felony penalty for negligence...negligent acts. This
amendment today is merely following up with that. Under
the statute the way it is right now for any second or subse-
quent conviction a person can be guilty of a Class III
felony. This is the two or more convictions section of
the statute and so under the law the way it is now for two
negligent actions you could be penalized with a Class III
felony which is a severe penalty. So what the amendment
does is to strike the subsequent conviction sections in both
the child abuse and in the incompetent, abuse of the incom-
petent and disabled, on the theory that you don't want to
do that for two negligent actions and also under the theory
that now you have a felony penalty for one offense. I am
not sure that it makes much sense really to have a slightly
higher degree felony penalty for two offenses anyway. So
that is the nature of the amendment which I hope you will
approve. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion of the Beutler
amendment. If not, all those in favor vote aye, opposed
vote nay. Have you all voted? Once more, have you all
voted? I am going to have to call the vote. You are about
to go under Call, I am afraid. Senator Beutler. Record
the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay on adoption of the Beutler amendment,
Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is adopted. The next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Sieck would now move to
amend the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Sieck.

CLERK: Senator Sieck and Lowell Johnson.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, this
amendment deals with purse snatching and I have a couple
of letters I would like to read to you to explain the bill.
Am I on?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes, you are on.

SENATOR SIECK: The first letter is from a Lancaster County
attorney, a man by the name of Mr. Michael Heavican, and
he is in support of this amendment to reenact the larceny
from the person statute. Now this was eliminated back in