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so that they would not have to file charges against them under the burglary statute. So I would oppose this at this time, and if those promoting this would want it, I would certainly suggest it go back to a committee for hearing.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Sieck, do you wish to close?

SENATOR SIECK: Yes. Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to clarify this a little bit. If there is a robbery, there has to be an act of force, violence or such like. So many purse snatchers grab the purse, there is no threats, no violence, and this is what this is trying to cover that isn't in the statutes at the present time, not this type of law. Yes, robbery is, and if you have a robbery, you have to have threats, you have to have force or violence of some type. This does not cover that type of incident. This is where an individual comes along, grabs a purse without any violence, without any threats and walks off with it and that is the purpose of this amendment. So I would ask the body to accept this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Sieck amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay....ring the bell because we are having trouble with the bell. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Only once more, have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 13 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment lost. Do you have any more amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Sieck and Senator Lowell Johnson move to amend the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Sieck or Senator Johnson, do you want to take it?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members of the body, this amendment to LB 347 involves the addition of services indicated under the theft provisions of 28-515. In addition to labor, professional service and telephone would include electric service, natural gas service, or other public service including cable television, not only the theft of it but the provision of any furnishing of equipment or devices which would tend to promote the theft of such service. This has again been renewed as a necessity by the Rural Electric group who have indicated that in