

you and comes out and says, why didn't you report that? You say, I didn't know and he said, well you should have known. Come on, you're going down with me down to the county jail. And I think enacting a law like this has a second perfidious effect and that is it will encourage individuals to pursue their personal vendettas and facilitate the pursuit of those personal vendettas, vendettas involving estranged husbands and wives, involving estranged relatives, some of the bitterest types of things that exist in our society. A third reason why maybe this is not a good idea. Consider the possibility that a woman is having trouble controlling herself. She goes a little too far. She is upset. She realizes what she has done. She goes to her mother and says, "Mom, I've got to talk to you about this. I'm having a problem. What do I do?" I think that is fairly typical in our society. I think that is one of the first persons you should go to, your mother or your father. But by virtue of this law your mother or your father is now required to report you to the authorities.

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And I think we have to ask ourselves, "Is that what we want? Do we want to discourage these types of relationships?" You know to me if you are going to require somebody to report you should start on the very narrowest base and maybe say physicians report or social workers report but don't start in a broad sense and say everybody report. It is much too broad a law. I can stomach this sort of intrusion on privacy and on individual freedom in the case of child abuse to some extent because children can't communicate. There is a basis for distinction and it is also recognized that the problem is widespread. But the elderly by and large can communicate and by and large they have means of protecting himself and the evidence before this Legislature has not been...

SENATOR CLARK: Your time is up, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator Clark, has not been that the problem is as large with the elderly as it is with children and for those reasons, all those reasons, I encourage you not to extend criminal reporting further and to indefinitely postpone the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I'd call the question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote