

if they feel strongly, they will report. If they feel for some reason that they shouldn't, they won't and the practical reality of this situation is that there is no court in the world that is going to convict them and no one to even bring charges. But we have spent great amounts of time arguing about this legislation, who should be mandated, who should be required, how broadly we should construe this issue and I think for all the wrong reasons. Sure, we as a body and the public in general are frustrated about child abuse, about abuse of the elderly. Hell, we're frustrated about any kind of abuse and this legislation isn't going to make this issue all that much more clearly and we've been tinkering because some well meaning folks feel very strongly about this issue and we'll probably continue to tinker. Maybe it is better to kill this bill. I urge you not to do that. I don't like the bill the way it stands today. I think it was a mistake to amend it with the Landis amendment but frankly, I don't think we ought to kill it because the bill, unfortunately because of the problems that this society deals with, we'll be back next year and we will argue the same fine fine, fine points, these tremendously symbolic points, because that's all it is, all this symbolism will haunt us again next year. Let's try to resolve this debate as fairly as we possibly can this year. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Beutler has saved me from having to talk about one aspect of the bill which has always been of concern to me and that is that an attempt is being made, probably not intentionally, to convert this to an informers' society where people become busybodies with the encouragement, not only the encouragement but the requirement of the law. But I have a concern since Senator Beutler covered that aspect very capably, on pages 7 and 8. The bottom of page 7 starts in line 24, Section 10, and it continues at the top of page 8. Then on page 8 in lines 20 and 25 we have similar language. This is what is known as the Christian Science amendment and I've fought it every time it has ever been attempted to be put in a bill. It got past me this time and I just hope that I'm correct in my belief that it is a part of the bill now. Oh, it's been struck already. Thank you, Senator Marsh.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler, for the second time. You don't want to talk again? Senator DeCamp, do you wish to close?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, let me first of all reserve at least one or two minutes for Senator Beutler. Senator Newell said something, this is