

to, two of them were to be adjusted, right?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So they were just jacked up one felony category so we could see what the effect of that was rather than jacking them up two at a time. I mean this seems to me a little bit out of control in terms of making changes, the consequences of which are somewhat unpredictable. And the other thing that bothers me about what we're doing is that the way we're constructing these criminal provisions we're giving more and more discretion and power to prosecutors. You know, at the one side, we're complaining about judges having discretion and we keep cutting down on their discretion with minimum/mandatory sentences, and then we turn around and increase the power of prosecutors. At least one of these criminal provisions in here is really designed to take a traditional crime and break it up into pieces and allow prosecutors only to prove part of the crime and in proving part of the crime have essentially the same penalty. That's what's happening with that provision relating to propelled vehicles and entering into a propelled vehicle, in my opinion. And it seems to me when you get to the point that reaching through the window of a car and picking up a cassette on a seat becomes a felony by virtue of the reaching through the window when the actual taking of the cassette itself is a minor misdemeanor offense, things are just totally out of proportion. And I would just...I know you don't feel that way entirely and I would invite your comment.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Beutler, as I mentioned, there are things that I would have preferred to have voted on.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And I do appreciate the opportunity you were attempting to afford us earlier to address some of those.

SENATOR LINDSAY: In those, are there ways that can be improved? Yeah, I think there are. Is it in such horrendous shape that it shouldn't be advanced? I don't believe so. Honestly, are there things that I'd come back with and tinker with next year to do some fine tuning? Yeah, I would. And if the bill passes, I will do that because I think there are things that have to...some fine tuning that is necessary.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, one of these provisions says that possession of a deadly weapon other than a firearm by a felon or