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That definition of sexual contact is expanded to include situations where the victim touches the actor's sexual or intimate parts, and under existing law it is not a sexual assault when the actor causes a child to touch the actor's sexual parts. Now we are talking about changing that lower age from 10 to 16, and I want all of you to think about your children or your grandchildren between those ages of 10 and 16. I have a boy 12 and 14 and a daughter 15. I know for a fact that I would like to have my children in those most vulnerable ages covered under this act. These are the ages when they have more freedom to be out in the world and yet at the same time are very, very easily led and easily influenced by an older adult. I also want to point out some precedent in the law. The ages of 16 and 19 are also found in Section 28-319 and this is the first degree sexual assault law where there is sexual penetration and the actor is 19 or older and the victim is 16 or younger. So when there is penetration, then we indeed leave that age at 16. Why not for the contact? In Section 38-115 in the state's cruelty to children sections, cruelty to children is unlawful under the age of 16. Again, we have pulled out that separate age for specific children statutes. Our statutory rape age is 16. Age of consent is generally considered over 16. Our juvenile court limit is generally 16. And debauchery of a minor in the Nebraska statutes is under the age of 17. Now with all this precedent in Nebraska law, I don't understand why we should not be consistent and keep those ages, the age 10, raise it to 16, those ages that we find in all our other statutes as being the child age. With this, I would hope that you would amend the committee amendments with my amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, did you wish to speak to the Pirsch amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR LANDIS: I would like to ask a question of both Senator Pirsch and then following with Senator Beutler so I can contrast the two provisions. Would that be okay?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pirsch, would you respond first?

SENATOR LANDIS: Let me indicate that I had a question from a constituent which I thought was interesting and valuable. This is a new crime pointing out that child molestation