

when it comes to adoption Senator Hoagland wants it up to 18. Well, as you know, if you are going to adopt a child, you need an attorney. Wouldn't you think somebody 17 was old enough to give consent, like Senator Landis says? It is not illegal in this bill to possess or to have in your possession one picture. Possession is not in the bill. You again have just had the trial attorneys hold a carrot over here to distract you from what is really in the bill. Senator Marsh, I'm not surprised you are not going to support this amendment because you didn't support the amendment that said it was illegal to rent or purchase child pornographic materials. In fact, I don't know if you even supported the first amendment. But the point is, child pornography is nothing more and nothing less than proof positive of child abuse. We all know who champions...who has been the champion against child abuse of any kind, all of us are. So whether you want to give the trial attorneys another loophole, go against what the federal government has already said is necessary, raise the age to under 18, then you will go with the attorney's arguments. But if your purpose is the same as mine, to protect the children, it is not to protect the criminals, then you would adopt this amendment to the committee amendments. Those nice little boys that want to look at those naked women, who may or may not be under 18, under this bill will still be able to do it, and the nice little girls that want to look at naked boys, if they only have one picture in their possession,...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Half a minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...if they don't intend to sell or produce or rent or make money off of them, it is no crime in this bill. So I urge you to adopt this last and final amendment to the committee amendments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman or Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the third Higgins amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. A simple majority. Have you all voted? Six are excused, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Call of the house.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.