

equally devastating or in other cases even more so. Why if we are going to have these kinds of procedures to screen individuals who commit crimes and maybe this bill is a good doorway to something that needs to be done. Why don't we screen all of those who commit violent crimes against persons. Why should we not do that? What happens now in the society is that people who commit crimes are not really evaluated to determine what in their makeup may have led them to do that. Especially when they repeat the crime over and over. There is some type of sickness but it is recognized only in the realm of sex. Do you think that people who might continually assault somebody in a non-sexual way could not be sick and could not pose an equally dangerous threat to society? So why is the focusing on and emphasis just on sex? Other crimes perhaps should be subjected to the same evaluation and if this occurs then the society might begin to look at crime and punishment from the standpoint of prevention. The only way you can prevent things is by determining what causes them. You can never fight crime effectively by merely apprehending the person who has committed the crime and locking that person away for a certain amount of time. I think that what we ought to do and Senator Hoagland and the rest of them said who are with them I think have probably agreed with him are going to oversee the drafting of some amendment which will properly deal with this whole area. You won't hurt anything by adopting this amendment but you might give pause to a lot of county attorneys, psychiatrists, psychologists, sociologists, criminologists, everybody else who claims to be concerned about crimes and punishment. You may not be aware of it but one of the most serious areas of discussion when the Constitution of the United States was being formulated dealt with the area of crimes and punishment because you are establishing by a vote of people that certain conduct if engaged in will be punished by the deprivation of liberty. In some cases, life. So, it is a very serious area and ought to be given considerable thought. Whenever a new departure is to be undertaken in the way that 378 does, it is a time to re-evaluate some theories, some ideas and some practices of the society as reflected in the laws enacted by the legislature. I assure you that the amendment is offered in seriousness and I would suggest that the legislature adopt this amendment then when Senator Hoagland and his coterie of lawyer colleagues and whoever else might fit in on the drafting review this possibility and see despite the narrow focus of the World Herald there are other issues that ought to be considered. I'm sure that the World Herald would not be too hard on the legislature if it decided to go beyond what the World Herald is concerned about the legislature dealing