

LB 289 onto the floor because I am opposed to the bill. But if the rest of you think that there is an issue of equity here and fairness, then you have a different basis for voting than I do. It wouldn't matter if we were voting on a bill offered by Senator Hannibal to say that zebras are black and white instead of white and black. The issue is not the merits or lack of merits of the bill. It is whether or not he was handled fairly and properly by the system. And if you are looking at it in that fashion then I can see why you would vote to bring the bill out. Senator Hannibal, I have fought against what you are trying to do for a long time. It is not a new thing with me. That is why I am trying to make it crystal clear why I am speaking here this morning and had I been at the committee I wouldn't have agreed to put 289 into the other bill. I would have wanted vote it up or down and if they would have decided to send it out here, they should have sent it on out here. And if they don't like it, then they should have tried to kill it in the same way I would have tried to kill it in committee. But I wanted to be sure when they said there was a seven to nothing vote that I actually am shown here as being absent because I didn't remember voting to do what was done here. Senator Higgins mentioned me, when I was upstairs, on her bill. They voted that bill out. Maybe it was the same Executive Session and I was not there. I didn't feel the bill, even with the amendments, was in a shape to go out. But there was no discussion of the bill at any Executive Session where I was present. When they wanted to bring it back for reconsideration I am always in favor of cleaning up legislation before it gets out of the committee so it doesn't come out on the floor and we argue interminably about things that should have been dealt with in the committee. So I voted to bring that bill back. And Senator Higgins knew in the beginning when she offered the bill despite the subject being child pornography, she knew I would have concerns about the writing of the bill that other senators didn't have. And if all 48 had signed it other than myself, she knew there were issues that I would still raise with reference to the bill. She knows, as everybody eventually is going to find out, that no matter what the subject matter is, the mere nature of the subject will not be enough to make me forget problems that I see in the drafting of the bill and rights that I feel are being nullified in the name of a worthwhile attempt to do something else. So her bill...