

his aide had a meeting over there at a table under the south balcony and it was on my child pornography bill which has been on the agenda 11 times. Today is the 11th day and I have three amendments to that bill and Senator Hoagland said to me, you know, Marge, your bill isn't a very important bill and just to save time for the Legislature you ought to withdraw your amendments. The amendments that I have, one of them would have put the penalties for child pornography back up to what the original statutes are, whereas Senator Hoagland's Judiciary Committee voted to lower the penalties, but he said, don't waste the Legislature's time with your amendments, Marge. After all, yours is not a very important bill. My bill affects every child in the State of Nebraska. This bill which Senator Hoagland has now spoken ten minutes on, spoken twice, affects only people over 21. My bill does not affect anything but children, but it's not a very important bill so I shouldn't waste the Legislature's time with amendments. I just wanted to make that point as to what's important in Senator Hoagland's mind and what's important in other people's mind. Secondly, Senator Hoagland said in his second five minute speech today in his attempt obviously to save the Legislature time, it's the concept of this bill. The concept of this bill is the people's right to vote. That's all it is. What this bill says is, if Senator Hoagland's county or city votes for video lottery, and I defy him to find anywhere where the bill refers to the word slot machines or slots, he obviously has never read the bill or neither has the World Herald because the word slot doesn't appear anywhere in the bill, but that's the concept of the bill. Shall the people rule or shall 25 people rule, people who have different religious beliefs, people who have strong conscientious beliefs against gambling of any sort, people who have strong beliefs that they have a right to do with their money and to entertain themselves in any way that they want. That is the concept. The concept is not gambling. What we are saying here is, are people old enough to vote, old enough to decide whether or not they want another form of gambling in addition to all the other forms that have already been legalized? I would just urge the body to remember...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...if this bill passes the people in your cities will still have that God given right in the Constitution to vote and decide for themselves and not have