

them, would not look at the law and see what the Legislature had recommended at least as a minimum. That is all I am asking. If the Judiciary Committee is all of one mind, and I don't believe they are on this, why have they never changed these penalties, why are they merely trying to amend it when it comes to little children? With that, I would just ask for the adoption of the Higgins amendment to the committee amendments. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the first Higgins amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Simple majority. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 6 nays on adoption of Senator Higgins' first amendment to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The first Higgins amendment to the committee amendments is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the second Higgins amendment is on page 1544, Senator. Insert "purchase" and strike "to another."

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment is a very simple amendment. It would add the words "purchase and rent" and it would strike the words "rent to another", thereby catching those persons who are caught in the act of buying or renting child pornography materials. If this language is not added, such persons would never be prosecuted. In other words, what I am asking here is to amend the committee amendments so that anyone caught in the act of purchasing hard core pornography movies and pictures that again are depicting little children in sexually explicit acts...when we go to drug cases, senators, do we not prosecute the buyer as well as the seller? And who is probably going to be doing the damage to the little children? The distributors and the makers of these movies are interested in money. What kind of a sexual pervert buys or rents child pornography? What is that sexually perverted person's intention in viewing those things? Do you and I know what will happen to your neighbor child, maybe your child, your grandchild, after one of these people has purchased, viewed a child in sexually explicit scenes? Are they not the ones more prone to go out and sexually molest a child? This is what came out in our committee testimony. I