

believe it was Senator Chizek that asked one of the people who testified at the committee hearings from Sarpy County Sheriff's Office that poor little Eberle boy, when Sarpy County sheriffs first began their investigation of the disappearance of this little boy the officer testified they went on the assumption that this child had been kidnapped strictly for pornographic purposes. It was never their intention, nor did they believe that child would ever turn up dead. They really believed he was another of the many that had been kidnapped by these pornographic rings which go around and use children, usually they will have five, six or seven of them. And it was testified that after they get these children and have had them for a month or so they will ship them to another state, to another pornographic group or circle and they, in turn, will send back a few of the children they have kidnapped. It was sad to hear when it was testified that some of these poor children are now even being sent overseas, and the likelihood of their parents ever finding them is even slimmer. You've seen much on television and documentary reports that child pornography has increased as child abduction and child kidnapping has increased. So, for this reason, I am asking you to put back into the law...to put into the law that it is illegal to rent or to purchase child pornographic movies and pictures. Again, we are talking about children in these movies, not adults. We are talking about children being used, enticed, threatened. I would urge the adoption of this amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland please.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, this is the second of Senator Higgins' amendments to the committee amendments. I feel constrained, once again, to defend the committee's action and argue that you not adopt this amendment because I don't think it would be good public policy to do so. Let me not for a moment indicate that anything that Senator Higgins has said is not correct about what we heard of these practices before the committee. She is absolutely right. The important point is that this amendment does not deal with those. This amendment will not in any way enable this piece of legislation to deal more effectively with those practices. When we worked on the bill in committee we carefully reviewed the transcript, and I have here excerpted testimony from three separate law enforcement officers about the kind of practices this bill