

DWI ten or fifteen years ago when I went to a baby shower, and traditionally they had the little cakes and mints and punch, and I drank the punch. And after several glasses of it I said, is there anything in this punch? And one of the gals laughed and said, oh, yeah, it has got vodka in it. Well, I had never drank vodka. I would drink wine or I would drink beer but I never drank vodka and I knew I was feeling my oats. I wasn't my normal self. So I got in my car and I drove home, and about four blocks from home, I was stopped by the Omaha police. And they said, do you realize you have crossed that white line twice, and I said, no, I thought I was driving in a perfectly normal manner. So they asked where I lived and I told them. It was about four blocks from home. So they said, well, Mrs. Higgins, we will drive you home then and that will be it. Now I doubt if there is many senators here that would ever admit that they have done this. I did not intentionally put myself in that position. I did not know at the baby shower they had put vodka in the punch. I didn't taste it but I did eventually realize that this is not the way I normally act but that would have been my first offense.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Hoagland, I have just one other question. Why is the Judiciary Committee so intent upon a mandatory minimum sentence for someone who drives while they are drunk, they don't kill anybody, they don't injure anybody, they do no damage to anybody's property, but they don't want a mandatory punishment for people who use children to make pornographic movies and literature? I am asking you, as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, why they are opposed to mandatory minimums for those types of sexual perverts? Maybe I should have asked Senator Landis.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Higgins, we, in 1981, this Legislature had special legislation to deal with the drunk driving problem where people were being killed on the Nebraska highways at the rate of about 200 a year. When you mix alcohol and gasoline, as a man said in the 1920s, you never know what is going to happen. And we spent a lot of time in 1981 in the Judiciary Committee and on the floor of the Legislature dealing with that specific issue, and the results have been remarkably good. As I indicated earlier, we have saved around 350 lives to date. Now child pornography is a very serious problem, and in the Judiciary