

looked out for those children and done what she said, what the federal statute said, raise the age to 18. Maybe we should have made it a felony like Higgins bill originally did instead of keeping it a misdemeanor so that those dirty old men now would not be tried on 110 misdemeanors but would have felonies against them. Yes, I would urge the body to accept these committee amendments, and I particularly urge those three senators that voted against my bill last year when it would have raised the age to 18, and on Select File, I shall have an amendment to make this crime more suitable, the punishment more suitable, to raise it from a Class IV felony for no matter how many times somebody abuses and uses a child to make filthy sexually explicit movies, I will move it up to a higher penalty, and then we will see if the Judiciary Committee will say, no, this didn't come from a lawyer so we had better keep it at a small eensy, weensy, teensy penalty for child pornographers. With that, I would urge the body to adopt this committee amendment and I congratulate Senator Abboud for finally getting a bill that he will be able to claim as his own. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise also to support the committee amendments and I urge that they be adopted at this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, I wonder if Senator Hoagland would respond to a question please.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Hoagland, as I understand it, the definition of a child under the committee amendments will mean any person under the age of 18 years, isn't that correct as far as the definition of a child for this particular act? That is the committee amendment, right.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, actually not exactly, Senator Vickers. What we do is we raise the age to 17 for child participants but we leave the age at 15 for so-called child observers.

SENATOR VICKERS: But don't you raise...doesn't it strike 17