

and insert 18?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, it does. That is right.

SENATOR VICKERS: So it is now under the age of 18.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Do you have the committee amendment there in front of you?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Then you will see that it goes on to say that in the case of a portrayed observer, it shall be...

SENATOR VICKERS: Right. My question is, what is the legal age that an individual can get married without parental consent in this state?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Nineteen, or they can get married under 19 if they are emancipated without parental consent, which means they are no longer living at home or have been formerly emancipated by the court or in some other respect fall within the definition of emancipation. So a 15-year old could get married without parents' permission if they have become emancipated.

SENATOR VICKERS: And the legal age to be able to sign a contract and so forth is...

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Nineteen.

SENATOR VICKERS: Nineteen. I am just curious as to what we call children and what we call adults in this state. I sometimes think maybe we get those lines mixed up, that is the reason I am asking the question, Mr. President, and I am somewhat curious as to why the committee, because I remember the discussion last year as well, as to why the committee raised the age to 18. I guess, Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Hoagland another question if he would yield please. Senator Hoagland, maybe you explained this already but could you explain a little more clearly to me and the body why the committee chose to raise it to age 18 this year?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, Senator Vickers, there were two reasons to raise it to under 18, so we are raising it to 17