

answer is, this section of the bill says they have to have the intent to sell, trade or deliver or rent these. This bill is not designed nor is my amendment designed to protect those people that buy this type of picture, movie, because the more they buy it, the greater the demand for it, the more children you are going to find snatched away, lured away, enticed away from their homes and used for pornographic purposes. It comes down to this, Senators, you can listen to the legal beagles argue all day, but you can also think about the children. Who do you want to protect? Do you want to go and let them know that you're going to get a minimum at least of a year because if you didn't buy those movies and you didn't buy those pictures of little children, there would be no market, and if there was no market for it, the little children would no longer be snatched away and enticed away as all of you have been reading in the newspaper. We have a 67-year-old man that today is being tried on 210 misdemeanors because he's got 210 VCR pictures, all alike, because last year the Judiciary Committee was successful in making that just a misdemeanor. And all I am trying to do is make it a Class III felony the first time someone gets caught doing that and a Class II felony the second time. Both of them carry a minimum of one year sentence. The bill as now written has no minimum, so the question comes down to, do you want these sexual perverts that use children to have no minimum penalty or do you want at least a minimum? I urge you to adopt this amendment. It isn't my bill, but I urge you adopt this amendment for the sake of the children and for the sake of those parents who suffer when they have lost their children and it's been proven and you've read about it in the papers, you've seen specials on television. There is no legal argument that can justify this kind of action. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Higgins. We have three lights on, Senator Abboud, followed by Senator Hoagland and then Senator Chambers. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise to regretfully oppose the amendment. I think it would be nice if we could have as strict a penalties as possible in dealing with child molesters because that is essentially what we're dealing with here, the individuals that possess these types of photographs or distribute these photographs or sell these photographs. I can't think of enough harsh words to describe what I think of these individuals and I think that this bill goes a long way by increasing the penalties up to a felony for a first conviction and putting these people away to prison for a