

them to raise part of the statute to 18. He is a member of the Judiciary Committee. I want to ask you one question, Senators. I don't know what Senator Abboud was talking about when he was talking about people going through red lights. The way his bill is written that's the same penalty. You have in your possession 210 films of children in sexually explicit acts and you intend to sell them. He is saying that you should get the same punishment as going through a red light, no jail term, no minimum jail term. At least that's the only thing I could get from his arguments. All I am saying is, for the love of God, or for the love of the children and those poor parents who have been through so much, at least send the word out you're going to get at least one year the first time you do this and Abboud's amendment says if you do it a hundred times you're still not going to get a minimum of a year, you'll never get a minimum. It's whatever the judge feels like that day and if the judge happens to be one of those nuts that trades himself and those kind of things, you probably won't get that. All I am saying is, at least put a minimum for the first offense and the second offense, raise it so that they could look at 50 years, which they probably won't get.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR HIGGINS: But their attorneys would be telling them, gee, this is your second offense you know, but the second offense they'd still get a minimum of a year. You'd put them out of commission for a year and once you quit getting the demand for this filth, you won't find children being used and, Senator Chambers, I have to say this. Since when is using children to make these kind of pictures and movies not considered child molestation or sexual abuse.

SENATOR LANDIS: Your time has elapsed, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I urge the adoption of this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Higgins. That's the closing on her amendment to raise the penalties in LB 788. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. A minute has elapsed. I'll leave this open another 30 seconds. Thank you. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I'm sorry, Senator, I didn't know my speaker was on.