

originally brought in. It's a fine-tuned amendment to just basically fine-tuning a bill that was passed last year that was under the auspices of Senator Higgins. I view the amendment, I view the bill itself as the fine-tuning mechanism to the Child Pornography Prevention Act and a bill that is supported by the police departments throughout the state, supported by the county prosecutors and city prosecutors throughout the state and something that is needed at this time, to put these people in prison for a long time.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Abboud, your time is up.

SENATOR ABOUD: I urge the body not to adopt this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Higgins, followed by Senator Hoagland, then Chambers.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senators, the only part of the bill, and you'd better listen closely because you don't want to make a fool of yourself, the part of the bill that Senator Chambers is trying to amend was taken from last year's. You voted for this last year exactly as it's written. You passed the Child Pornography Protection Act that I introduced last year with this language. So now if you accept Senator Chambers' amendment, you're saying, oh, gosh, I didn't really mean to provide that much protection for children. And you know, Senator Chambers keeps talking about this trading of pictures and I'm just reminded about, he is saying we are going to make felons out of children. He keeps forgetting to say that the bill says with intent to rent, sell, trade, distribute. Why do children 16-years old, Senator, 17 years old trade pictures of little boys engaged in homosexual acts? Is there a reason for it? Does it provide some kind of sexual arousal that eventually does lead to child molestation, rape of a child? You can't prove it doesn't, and most of what we have read says this is where a lot of it starts. But Senator Chambers would amend that part of the bill which something like 47 or 48 of you last year voted for on Final Reading. He'll weaken the bill and those of you who vote for it, your opponents will know you voted to go easy on people who engage in selling, trading, et cetera, child pornographies. Mr. President, I really love the look on your face. You look like a typical judge sitting up there looking so bored. It really gets to me. I'm sure that I have your undivided attention though. I wish that there was a camera, someone would take your picture like that. I'm glad