

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I would like to ask Senator Hoagland a question if he would yield.

SENATOR LANDIS: Will you respond, Senator Hoagland?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Under Section 1, it says in this amendment, "The Legislature recognizes that obtaining testimony in a criminal prosecution from a child-victim or a child-witness to a felony offense may be a delicate matter and may require some special considerations." Would that be referring then to a child pornography case?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: It could. It could, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: It could?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: It applies to any felony involving a child-witness or a child-victim.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I see. So in this case you do want to protect the child from having to testify openly in court about anything that may have happened to them, is that correct?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Only if it is necessary to do that to promote or facilitate or preserve the testimony of the child-victim or child-witness.

SENATOR HIGGINS: But a child-witness, now how do you describe a child-witness in this?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, someone who is not the victim to an offense but a witness to an offense. For instance...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Do you mean an observer, like in the child pornography bill last year?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: No, I think that would be a child-victim, Senator Higgins, the way the child pornography bill is designed.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, I am amazed to find you standing up for