

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature. I find myself in an awkward position for I am supporting the bill, but I am not supporting this amendment. It seems to me, when we are talking about child pornography, we should have it be at a reasonable age so that we truly are protecting those who need it, but not tangling it up with a situation for those over 16, 17. I feel very strongly that this is not the amendment we should be trying to add. I do support the committee amendments on LB 668.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. You are voting to cease debate. We are voting on ceasing debate. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Higgins, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues, you have just seen, first hand, what trial attorneys do when they get to court and defend whoever has paid them to defend them for whatever criminal act they may have allegedly committed. They have talked, and talked, and talked about possession of one picture. Read the bill. Possession is not in the bill unless it is with the intent to sell, or to deliver, or to rent. So if your 16-year-old boy wants to open up a Playboy Magazine, let me tell you first of all Playboy is going to have a record of every woman they have posing in their magazines age. So there wouldn't be any question about the one posing whether or not was a child of 14, or 13, or 15. But don't let these trial lawyers confuse you. Possession is not in the bill. We are not talking about possession. Now I find this ironic. Just last week, senators, you voted on LB 447. You recall 447 was for adoption assistance. That is Senator Peter Hoagland's bill. In Senator Hoagland's bill, just for the purposes of adoption, he uses the following ages for purposes of his bill--juvenile is defined as any person under the age of 18. Age of majority is defined as meaning 19 years of age. So