

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, it does come back to memory now. And I do have to concur with Senator Lindsay. I do remember, and I am not, as you all know, I do not have the legal background that Senator Lindsay has. But I do know that in Judiciary Committee we watched this very close. I think of this as the 16 or the 17 or the 18-year-old, an instance as Senator Morrissey...at first yesterday I couldn't really remember, I couldn't think why we did have concern of this section. With that, I do have to concur with Senator Lindsay. If Senator Lindsay would like the balance of my time, I would be more than happy to give it to him.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay, you are recognized for about four minutes.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President. I am offering the amendment that Senator Dierks referred to. That amendment would, it's an amendment to the committee amendments...why don't I just give up the time now and just wait until the amendment is called.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, do you have the amendment on the desk now?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Let's proceed to the amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Senator Lindsay would move to amend by striking line 16 of the committee amendments, and in the original bill, page 7, line 13, strike "cruelly mistreated".

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay, for your amendment.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President. What this amendment would do now is to replace that section but take out the cruelly mistreated language. What this accomplishes is it takes out that situation we're talking about where somebody goes out and engages in criminal mischief or takes an affirmative step to harm an animal. That would remove the criminal liability on the part of the parents for that activity. It would leave in the penalties to a parent, if the child neglected or abandoned the animal. The problem with the...not having some language is to