

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Do I believe that what?

SENATOR SMITH: That fining the victim will eliminate the problem.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Absolutely not.

SENATOR SMITH: Then what is the purpose of the bill?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: To eliminate the situation you just suggested.

SENATOR SMITH: Do you think it will eliminate the situation?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: It is going to make a change. If you, under the current law, Class V misdemeanor, all you can do is fine them.

SENATOR SMITH: Will the victim have to work harder, if you want to use that expression, to try to make up the difference in the amount of money that it now costs?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I think the intent of the legislation is to prevent the person from working at all.

SENATOR SMITH: One of the other things that you commented on is that this deal...this bill deals with the victim, not with the pimp. Why don't you deal with the pimp instead of...?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Because we're already dealing with the pimp and the legislation, or excuse me, the statutes already carry a penalty for pimps and I...if you'd like to propose legislation...

SENATOR SMITH: No, now just a minute, whoa, just a minute now, okay, because these are my questions that I'm trying to pursue here.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR SMITH: All right, now you're saying that the law already deals with the pimp. Then why do we need to increase the penalty? Is that law not working?