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aware of how it's almost reached critical proportions. Colorado does have ten years, as does Utah, Minnesot...Utah has eight, Minnesota seven, and Arkansas starts when the victim reaches 18 years of age. I hope you will give very strong consideration to this bill. There is one point I would like to bring, and that is that third degree sexual assault is now a misdemeanor, but it is included in the change in time from three to five years, and this is to protect the plea bargain in these cases, after the perpetrator is allowed to plead guilty to the third degree sexual assault in exchange for entering counseling and family unification programs. Actually, I guess this is about all you can say, it's a very important thing right now that we give the prosecutors time to bring these people to justice. I want to tell you about just one case that happened in Kearney. There was a man who was convicted of five sexual assaults on boys. Had the five years been in he could have been convicted of 38 crimes. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, I understand we have an amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chizek would move to amend the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chizek, please.

CLERK: Senator Chizek's amendment is on page 2108.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: I...

PRESIDENT: We'll wait.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. President, why don't I pull that and I'll offer it on Select.

PRESIDENT: All right, you wish to withdraw it for now.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Yes.

PRESIDENT: All right, fine. Then we'll move on with the ones who wish to speak on it. Senator Chambers, please, followed by Senator Nelson.