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sexual assault of a child?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If it says that the actor must be at least 19-years of age or older, can somebody less than 19 commit this act?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, as long as the person is 14-years of age or younger that they do it to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we'd have to have somebody at least 19 before there could be sexual assault of a child.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Right, at least 19.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Langford,...

PRESIDENT: Time. Senator Bernard-Stevens, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. As a co-signer of the bill I feel a need, at this point, to jump in just a little bit. I'll go ahead then give the rest of my time to Senator Chambers, so he can finish out the colloquy he had with Senator Kristensen. I do think there needs to be something clarified for the record, and I think Senator Chambers may have been...his mind was a little bit ahead of what he was saying because I think he was talking about limitations on misdemeanors being 18-years. And I think he meant to say 18 months on that. So I want to clarify that, it would be 18 months. And I see Senator Chambers nodding his head as he agrees that that is, in fact, the case. One of the reasons I co-sponsored the bill, actually there were two reasons, the first reason was a court case is going on now, so I certainly don't want to get into the specifics of the case. It would not be appropriate to do so at this point. But in general one of the things that happened in the western part of the state was a child who was severely handicapped, who was unable to speak, there may have been something that happened to that child in the nature of abuse. The child, being unable to communicate, it's very difficult, obviously, to get information to substantiate, with the exception of going to the boy's town or other area, where they do the doll testing, and whatever type of testing that they would be able to do to try to get information. One of the things that happened is the child was moved to a different