

individuals that commit these types of crimes do commit them on a basis at a higher rate than some other individuals that commit crime once and then they get the treatment in prison or don't get the treatment but at least they stop doing it. Now the real problem with these types of crimes, not only to the individual that commits them, but these individuals grow up to be adults and in study after study it has been shown that these types of individuals that have these types of crimes committed upon them have deep psychological problems later in life. I don't know if you saw the recent article that was in the Omaha paper, but it talked about how an individual by the name of Saddam Hussein has the...had sexual, not sexual, had child abuse committed on this individual when he was a young person. There was no sexual abuse but there was child abuse in his upbringing and the U.S. government bases a lot of the problems that he has as an adult on the fact that he was abused as a child. I view this as probably one of the more serious offenses that can be committed against an individual on society because a child literally has little or no defenses against these types of acts. The only ones that really protect them are society and, hopefully, the parents. Nothing further.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there any discussion? Seeing none...oh, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I'd like to ask Senator Abboud a question if he would, please, if he would yield.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator Abboud, was this your idea or did you get some suggestion from a parent or from foster parents or social services or is this just your idea?

SENATOR ABOUD: Well, a constituent talked to me about this particular problem last summer, and they had been involved in a sexual assault on their child and they were concerned that this individual had committed these types of acts in the past. And I looked into the statute, I saw that this was a problem and that is why I introduced the bill.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator, then I have another question. Is it your understanding that today an adult can be convicted of