

truck. So here he is out here picking them up. His name is Couch. That should be a dead giveaway, but nevertheless, listen to this good, clean Christian who would stand on a floor like this and say, lock the little bastards up in prison. It is an AP article: "A week after being caught receiving oral sex from a prostitute in a shopping center parking lot, a conservative Republican, Florida lawmaker resigned his office Friday. 'I am broken and truly remorseful for my actions and the hurt that I have caused,' said State Representative Marvin Couch, whose record in office has earned him a perfect rating from the Christian Coalition of Florida. Deputies said Couch and a prostitute were caught in the act, after he paid \$22 for oral sex around noon on February 22. He was arrested on three misdemeanor charges and also admitted paying prostitutes before. Couch, 42, is married and has six children. A painting contractor from Oviedo, he was elected in 1992 and regularly attended prayer meetings in the capitol with other law makers who called themselves the, 'God Squad'. 'I am truly regretful for the embarrassment and shame this incident has brought to the high calling of public service,' Couch wrote in his resignation letter. 'My priorities are now clearly placed upon the restoration of my marriage and my family.' Besides the prostitution charge, Couch was charged with two other misdemeanors--unnatural or lascivious acts and exposure of his sexual organs. His first court appearance is set for March 28." I want you to pay particular attention to the fact that he got a hundred percent rating from the Christian Coalition. He was tough on crime, just like many of the senators here. He went to legislators' prayer meetings, just like the senators here. But then their private, personal life will not withstand scrutiny and when they get caught, they want mercy, they want understanding, they want forgiveness. In the same way that former Senator Hohenstein, who spent his time as a prosecutor, as was pointed out on the floor a few days ago, throwing the book at people, trying to get them locked away forever, but then he wanted to plea bargain so he wouldn't have to pay the full price for the wrong that he had done in bilking the federal government, the state government, the city government, his clients, and his partner. He cheated and stole from everybody who came within range of him. But he wanted mercy and he was extended mercy. Now here we are talking about the youth and there is no mercy to be extended. If anybody on this floor stumbled or got caught, that person would be asking other senators, understand me, give me a break, and don't throw me