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SENATOR MOSSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, currently, the possession of child pornography is defined as: it shall be unlawful for a person to knowingly possess any visual depictive (sic) of sexual (sic) explicit conduct, as defined in Section 28-1463.02, which has a minor as one of its participants or portrayed observers. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of what is currently a Class II misdemeanor, which is punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine or both, and I propose changing it to a Class IV felony, which is punishable by...from anything from probation to up to five years in prison, a \$10,000 fine, or both. And since an emergency exists, this act take effect when passed according to law. The reason for this bill is currently there are 30 other states that have possession of child pornography as a felony. According to the United States Customs, there are at least 100,000 child pornography web sites in operation, and it's a growing industry and there's a correlation between people that are possessing child pornography, molestation of children, and the child pornography web sites. If you're possessing child pornography, you're contributing to these child pornography web sites, thus, contributing to a child that's becoming a victim. Children are our most innocent victims in society, and for them to be preyed upon by child molesters...the child porn industry is just disgusting. I've had to investigate cases like that and to go into someone's house whose child has just been sexually assaulted is tough to do. I want to share some of the testimony that we had in Judiciary Committee that shows a correlation between people that are possessing child pornography and those that will actually commit the act of then molesting children. The testimony was given by Lieutenant Doug Chonis, who's the...in charge of the Omaha Police Department Youth Services, which investigates crimes against children. In this one case, they arrest an individual for possession of child pornography who had sexually assaulted his grandson. In his possession were over 30 pictures of what would be considered hard-core pornography, with the exception that this involved children. One picture involved a child who appeared to be under five years of age that was wearing a dog collar. An adult male was observed in the picture vaginally penetrating this five-year-old girl. You could see from the expression on her face that she