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SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you. Next speaker is Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I just wanted to briefly rise in support of Senator Mossey's LB 111. This, while I understand that it might be good if we did a total rewrite of all our criminal law, we can all only do so many things so fast and we only have time for it, I don't think that possession of child pornography is something that we need to countenance or worry about being too punitive with regard to. I particularly like the fact, as we try not to lock everybody in the world up in our prisons at our taxpayers' expense, that we could fine somebody \$10,000, which might make it hurt and stick, as opposed to \$1,000, which is much less than it was in 1985 and '88, when this body last looked at these issues. I understand and support Senator Beutler's concern that we ought to have all these things relative and proportional and so on, and I think we can get there sometime, but that isn't any reason not to do anything today and to sit on what we last did in '85 and '88. And I urge the adoption of Senator Mossey's LB 111. After all, I think maybe it's his first bill. He brought it to the Judiciary Committee. It came out unanimously by those present. I think it's good law. Let's pass it.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the statute that we're currently changing we are changing, we would change, to a Class IV felony, and notwithstanding Senator Brashear's suggestion that a \$10,000 fine would be the only consequence, we went through a period of time in the last 20 years where we started hiking up the penalties on almost every type of crime. And during that 20 years, from time to time, it became fashionable to focus on one particular kind of problem and hike the penalties up on that. Then, a few years later, it would be another type of crime and we'd hike the penalties up. And then we got to the position that Senator Brashear has been grieving about recently, that our prisons are overflowing. We've concentrated on hiking up penalties instead of rehabilitation and community involvement, trying to rehabilitate