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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in practically every other situation, I'm opposed to increasing penalties. However, I cannot be hidebound and I have to face reality. I cannot elevate form over substance. Whereas, I agree with everything Senator Beutler has said about the necessity in a criminal code of graduating punishments upward as the severity or seriousness of an offense increases, or as society's rejection and outrage relative to a certain offense is made manifest. However, this is one of those areas where I make a difference. I set crimes against children off to the side and place them in a category by themselves. Senator Beutler pointed out that by our raising this punishment, as we're doing in the bill Senator Mossey brings to us, we equate mere possession with manufacturing. In this one set of circumstances, taking a step at the time, I am prepared to support this bill. What I'm going to look at right now is the offense that we're talking about. When we are dealing with child pornography, there is more than just a depiction by way of a photograph, a video, a computer presentation. There are children involved in those activities, and the investigations of child pornography cases now do not stop with apprehension of the malefactor who had the pornography. But an attempt is made to track down the location of the children who are depicted because while that malefactor is being apprehended, tried and imprisoned, those children or other children may be in the process of being abused in ways that are horrific, unmentionable, for a person of my makeup, unimaginable. But now it's not left to imagination. We have depictions of people committing atrocities against children that were, before I was aware of the depictions, were not only beyond imagination but totally incomprehensible to me. So today I am joining the ranks of those who say this is such a terrible crime that we're dealing with, and we cannot across the board with one bill deal with all aspects of it in the way we would like, we can deal with this. With the way the law is structured and the way prosecutions are conducted, this is not a crime of inadvertence or happenstance. It is not where you happen to pass your eyes across something and that's the end of it. As the old people used to say in the church in which I was reared, and I can't think of many worthwhile things at this late date with the wisdom I have now that I did not have then as a child,