

SUMMARY OFFENCES (INDECENT FILMING) AMENDMENT BILL

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Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (17:51): I, too, rise to support this bill. What we have seen today is what has happened when legislation has not kept up with technology, and I am a perfect example of not keeping up with technology. Before I entered this place, the only computer I ever switched on was my spray computer.

Mr Pengilly: I wouldn't admit too much.

Mr PEDERICK: That is all right. No, I admit that I did struggle a bit with electronic technology. I did manage computers before I came into this place on the campaign trail, but it was a steep learning curve.

Mrs Redmond: Or a slippery slope.

Mr PEDERICK: Or a slippery slope—one of the two. As mentioned earlier by the member for Kavel, part of the issue is that you cannot just buy a simple mobile phone any more. You just want a phone that you can—

Mrs Redmond: Sadly.

Mr PEDERICK: Yes, 'sadly' is the interjection from the member for Heysen. When you do just want to use it for phone calls and you look at texting as an optional extra that you could have lived without, but it is the way of the world. They seem to jam that much technology into a phone now that you can take photos, videos and then send them, I guess, right across the world, if need be.

The Hon. M.J. Atkinson interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr PEDERICK: I hope that does not come under the legislation. Thank you, Mr Speaker, for your protection. You might have to get him to delete that from across the way. Be that as it may, everyone in the populace seems to have a mobile phone now, so basically everyone is walking around with a camera. People who think they are having a bit of fun and games, whether they be young people or older people with deviant minds, think they can have a bit of fun by upskirting. I think that that is disgraceful behaviour, so I am glad to see this legislation has come forward and also the second part of the bill, where it is obviously illegal to distribute those pictures on the internet or anywhere else, for that matter. Obviously with YouTube and other ways of putting films and pictures on the net, access is only limited by your imagination.

The worldwide web is a great thing, but it can be used to terrible disadvantage. In saying that, if people are sick enough to do things such as that, they will be caught and I am glad that, finally, legislation will be put in place that will catch up with people who do these acts. I think it is well beyond time and could not come in soon enough. With those few remarks, I commend the bill.