

**1999 SENATE JUDICIARY**

**SB 2305**

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB2305

Senate Judiciary Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 25, 1999

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jachie Tollman</i>			

Minutes:

SB2305 relates to restricting Internet access by sexual offenders.

SENATOR STENEHJEM opened the hearing on SB2305 at 10:45 A.M.

All were present.

SENATOR KRAUTER testified in support of SB2305. Testimony attached.

SENATOR WATNE asked about the list and how often these would be updated. How many Internet providers are there? What will happen to the Internet providers?

SENATOR KRAUTER stated that through technology the lists could be kept up. Give notice to the Internet providers. The Committee should decide on the time frame of updating the lists.

Amendments could be made to specify these questions.

SENATOR WATNE asked if there was any way to perfect this bill.

SENATOR KRAUTER stated the section of the code will set the penalties.

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SENATOR STENEHJEM asked how this bill was drafted?

SENATOR KRAUTER stated this bill was based upon the federal side of things. I called the Legislative Counsel to help draft this bill.

SENATOR TRAYNOR stated that this should be addressed by the Federal government.

SENATOR KRAUTER stated I don't disagree with you. I feel that as North Dakotans, we need to make a statement.

RANDALL HANNA, Safeguarding our Children, testified in support of SB2305. Testimony attached.

SENATOR STENEHJEM asked if other states have adopted a law like this.

RANDALL HANNA stated he did not think so.

SENATOR WATNE asked how would you get a handle on this list and how to keep the lists current. How would you enforce this?

RANDALL HANNA stated that there are a lot of the sex offenders registered.

JONATHAN BYERS testified to explain the impact this bill may have. It would make a restricted list available to the public. What do you define as a sex offender? There are different variations. To keep the registration operative without going into a Constitutional challenge. In North Dakota, we register misdemeanor sex offenders also. Here are some options we feel may be available. Limit it to felony sex offenders. Not make it retroactive. Decision making for each offender. Give it to the judge as an option. We distribute our sex offender registration to police agencies on a quarterly basis. There are over 700.

SENATOR LYSON asked if he felt there may be Constitutional problems.

JONATHAN BYERS stated that there may be. In the Supreme Court, 2 judges felt registration is punishment.

SENATOR STENEHJEM asked to whom you would send this list if this bill is passed.

JONATHAN BYERS stated that they hope this Committee will be more specific on the bill.

SENATOR STENEHJEM asked if other states have provisions where some may not apply for Internet services.

JONATHAN BYERS stated not that he knew of. It may be an appropriate punishment by a Judge.

SENATOR NELSON asked that maybe the best option would be the judicial option. Let the Judge make the decision.

JONATHAN BYERS stated that yes, I believe so.

SENATOR STENEHJEM asked if he was of the opinion that some on the list for whom denial of access for the Internet would not serve any useful purpose.

JONATHAN BYERS stated that yes that is correct.

RANDALL HANNA stated that there has been 2 offenders from North Dakota, one is in Minot and one is in Fargo.

SENATOR STENEHJEM asked if he understand the technical difficulties.

RANDALL HANNA stated that yes he understands.

SENATOR WATNE stated that we may get one section as a condition of probation for now, would you feel that is a good start.

RANDALL HANNA stated that yes, I do.

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JONATHAN BYERS stated that the Pam Litchner Act requires that North Dakota submit its registration data to the FBI as part of a national database. This will be done by this summer.

SENATOR STENEHJEM asked putting this list on the web site.

JONATHAN BYERS stated that we have considered doing that. We would have to use the list of convicted offenders rather than the registered one. 6 or 8 states have done this.

SENATOR STENEHJEM CLOSED the hearing on SB2305.

Discussion.

SENATOR NELSON will work on Amendments.

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JONATHAN BYERS brought further amendments. The Century Code has just not kept up on technology.

Discussion.

SENATOR WATNE made a motion on Amendments, SENATOR TRAYNOR seconded.

Motion carried. 5 - 1 - 0

SENATOR WATNE made a motion for DO PASS AS AMENDED, SENATOR NELSON seconded. Motion carried. 6 - 0 - 0

SENATOR STENEHJEM will carry the bill.

**FISCAL NOTE**

(Return original and 10 copies)

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2305 Amendment to: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by Legislative Council Date of Request: 1-20-99

1. Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts.

**Narrative:**

The list of registered sexual offenders and offenders against children is not a public record. If this record were to be made an open record by this statute, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation of the Office of Attorney General would be required to mail lists to all internet access providers, which term is not defined in the bill. Internet access providers could conceivably include any college or university which provides internet access to its students, or any business or governmental entity which provides internet access to its employees.

The frequency with which the information would have to be provided is unclear, since the registration list is updated on a daily basis and any list mailed one day may be incomplete the next.

For these reasons it is not possible to determine the fiscal impact of this bill at this time.

**State fiscal effect in dollar amounts:**

1997-99 Biennium		1999-2001 Biennium		2001-03 Biennium	
General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds

Revenues:

Expenditures:

3. What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the appropriation for your agency or department:

a. For rest of 1997-99 biennium: \_\_\_\_\_

b. For the 1999-2001 biennium: \_\_\_\_\_

c. For the 2001-03 biennium: \_\_\_\_\_

4. **County, City, and School District** fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

1995-97 Biennium			1997-99 Biennium			1999-2001 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

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attach a supplemental sheet.

Date Prepared

Signed

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2305

Page 1, line 1, after "Act" insert "to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 4 of section 12.1-32-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the ability of a trial court"

Page 1, after line 2, replace the remainder of the bill with:

"SECTION 1. A new subdivision to subsection 4 of section 12.1-32-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Refrain from any subscription to, access on, or use of the internet."

Reenumerate accordingly



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Page 1, after line 1, add "and create and enact a new subsection to section 12.1-17-07, relating to the crime of harassment."

Page 1, after line 2, replace the remainder of the bill with:

"SECTION 1. A new subdivision to subsection 4 of section 12.1-32-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Refrain from any subscription to, access on, or use of the internet.

SECTION 2. A new subsection to section 12.1-17-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Any offense defined herein is deemed communicated in writing if it is transmitted electronically, by e-mail, facsimile, or other means."

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2-8-99  
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2305

Senate Judiciary Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_

or

Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Amendments

Motion Made By Watne Seconded By Traynor

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Wayne Stenehjem	X				
Senator Darlene Watne	X				
Senator Stanley Lyson	X				
Senator John Traynor	X				
Senator Dennis Bercier	X				
SenatorCarolyn Nelson		X			

Total (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_  
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Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 2-8-99  
Roll Call Vote #: 2

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2305

Senate Judiciary Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken DO PASS AS Amended

Motion Made By Watne Seconded By Nelson

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Wayne Stenehjem	X				
Senator Darlene Watne	X				
Senator Stanley Lyson	X				
Senator John Traynor	X				
Senator Dennis Bercier	X				
Senator Carolynn Nelson	X				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Stenehjem

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

SB 2305: Judiciary Committee (Sen. W. Stenehjem, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2305 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 12.1-17-07 and a new subdivision to subsection 4 of section 12.1-32-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the crime of harassment and to the powers of a trial court.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 12.1-17-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Any offense defined herein is deemed communicated in writing if it is transmitted electronically, by electronic mail, facsimile, or other similar means.

**SECTION 2.** A new subdivision to subsection 4 of section 12.1-32-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Refrain from any subscription to, access, or use of the internet."

Renumber accordingly

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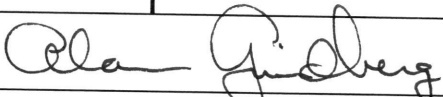
1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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House Judiciary Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date : March 9, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

SEN. KRAUTER This bill is aimed at internet harassment or misuse. Under its terms a sentencing judge may put restrictions on the probationer's use of the internet.

REP. KERZMAN I join in supporting this bill. It may help keep some probationer under control.

JONATHAN BYERS (Asst AG) The Attorney General favors this bill. First, it adds the power to limit access to the internet. Second, it defines "communicated in writing". Persons convicted of crimes and are on probation can be prohibited from exercising certain behavior they would otherwise be able to do.

COMMITTEE ACTION

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House Judiciary Committee

Bill/Resolution Number 2305

Hearing Date : March 9, 1999

REP. HAWKEN moved that the committee recommend that the bill DO PASS. Rep. Delmore seconded and the motion passed on a roll call vote with 12 ayes, 0 nays and 3 absent. Rep. Cleary was assigned to carry the bill.

Date: 3/9/  
Roll Call Vote #: \_\_\_\_\_

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2305

House JUDICIARY Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Hawken Seconded By Delmore

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
REP. DEKREY	✓		REP. KELSH		
REP. CLEARY	✓		REP. KLEMIN	✓	
REP. DELMORE	✓		REP. KOPPELMAN		
REP. DISRUD	✓		REP. MAHONEY	✓	
REP. FAIRFIELD	✓		REP. MARAGOS	✓	
REP. GORDER	✓		REP. MEYER	✓	
REP. GUNTER	✓		REP. SVEEN		
REP. HAWKEN	✓				

Total Yes 10 No 0

Absent 3

Floor Assignment Cleary

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:



REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
March 9, 1999 11:11 a.m.

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

SB 2305, as engrossed: **Judiciary Committee (Rep. DeKrey, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2305 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**1999 TESTIMONY**

**SB 2305**



# NORTH DAKOTA SENATE

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COMMITTEE:  
Appropriations

## SB 2305

Chairman Stenehjem and committee members I am State Senator Aaron Krauter from District 35, which is made up of four counties; Adams, Hettinger Sioux and southern half of Grant Counties.

In the last few years we have been shocked by the number of crimes that have been related to the Internet and in particular the use of "chat rooms".

It wasn't until this past year that I really didn't think we had a problem until my 6 year old son came to me one day and asked to go online. He was watching his favorite channel "Nickelodeon" and they made reference that kids need to get online and check out their "Bighelp" site. Well, much to our excitement and being nieve about what is out there in the world wide web, we got online and punched in "Bighelp". To my surprise the screen started to display a pornographic site. I immediately turned off the monitor and explained to my son that it was not the right site and something must be wrong and we could try again later.

Later I turned on the monitor and found that some one had set up web site "Bighelp" which included a "chat room". I was rather upset that on Nickelodeon they would talk about such a web site. So, I thought that I would get on the Nickelodeon website and see if they had an e mail address that I could write to them and express my disgust. Well, low and behold on the Nickelodeon home page there was a button that was called "Bighelp" and I clicked on it and found a great page of helpful children's games. I, then realized that my son did not fully catch the sequence that one must first get on the Nickelodeon home page and then go to "Bighelp" versus just finding the "Bighelp" porno web site. A couple of days later I tried the "Bighelp" site again and it was not available. So at this point I basically forgot about the incident and thought it was purely coincidental that the porno site came up.

Now, today I stand before you and feel that we were potential victims of some pedophile scheme on the Web and I want us all work together the help pull their plug.

A few months ago I met a gentleman by the name of Randal Hanna who you will hear from today that made me rethink about our family situation and made me feel that we need and we can do something about these situations that are lurching out their on the Internet that take our children down the wrong road.

As I look how technology has changed our lives and will continue to change our lives I will always remember how my father worked hard so that people have the rights of free speech and at the same time keep similar situations away from minors. We have done many things to protected our children from similar situation in our current surrounds but what about when a child is on the Internet. We all understand that the Internet is world wide and not confined within the borders of this state and the easy way out of addressing these problems is to say let the federal government handle it.

I say we can do things to address these issues. Parental supervision is the first line of defense against sex offenders, but we should make it as difficult as possible for sex offenders to get on line. We must educate parents and children of these situations so they can make wise choices. But along with this we can limit access to individuals who are convicted sex offenders. These are the reoccurring individuals who are most apt to commit these situations. It is time to pull the plug on sex offenders who are roaming on the Internet, looking for their next prey. In effect, it is now being said that the Internet and chat rooms have become the red light district of the 90's and the next millennium. We wouldn't let our children venture into these areas alone back then--and we shouldn't do the same with the Internet now.

SB 2305 limits Internet access to individual who are registered as a sexual offender under section 12.1-32-15. We need to take sex offenders off line.

Thank you for the time and I will answer any questions.

Thank you for allowing me the time to explain why I believe ND SB 2305 should pass. As Director of Volunteers for Safeguarding Our Children - United Mothers (SOC-UM) (and as the parent of a child who has been harmed by a pedophile), I see the vile child porn, and pedophile websites daily. Pedophiles have been given a forum, as never before in history, to have access to our children.

According to US Customs 75% of registered sex offenders routinely surf the net. With ND having 737 Registered Sex Offenders, using US Customs number that would mean that approximately 552 registered sex offenders from ND are surfing the net. I'm sure you find that number as scary as I do. Each day while working to protect children, I see the number of pedophile websites growing, and the number of pedophiles advertising for young children increasing.

Please let me take a moment to introduce you to why the internet pedophile is so dangerous to our children. This profile was written by Debbie Mahoney, Founder, and Dr. Nancy Faulkner, CEO for SOC-UM for the Washington DC Online Summit.

The Internet Allows Pedophiles:

- Instant access to other predators worldwide;
- Open discussion of their sexual desires;
- Shared ideas about ways to lure victims;
- Mutual support of their adult-child sex philosophies;
- Instant access to potential child victims worldwide;
- Disguised identities for approaching children, even to the point of presenting as a member of teen groups;
- Ready access to "teen chat rooms" to find out how and who to target as potential victims; Means to identify and track down home contact information;
- Ability to build a long-term "Internet" relationship with a potential victim, prior to attempting to engage the child in physical contact.

Computer technology and the Internet enables pedophiles to locate and interact with other pedophiles more readily than ever before. Although pedophiles luring kids on the Internet is a horrifying problem, the long-term organizational aspects are more terrifying.

Hopefully, I have introduced you to the existence of the problem, and why I believe that children in ND deserve to surf free from the likes of those who would secretly (through anonymous nicknames) harm them. Our children believe we will keep them from harm, and my belief is that SB 2305 will go a long way in doing just that.

Thank you for taking the time to listen.

Sincerely,  
Randal Hanna

Thanks to Gabriel, Director of Cyberangels, SOC-UM was asked to participate in the Child Advocacy Task Force for the On-Line Summit. We are pleased to be listed as one of the authors of the document presented by the task force at the summit, as well as submission of the following article to the task force.

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## **Brief Overview of Pedophiles on the Web**

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Submitted by request to the  
***Internet Online Summit:  
Focus on Children***  
Washington DC  
December 1, 1997  
by  
*Debbie Mahoney, Founder and Board President,*  
and  
*Dr. Nancy Faulkner, CEO,*  
*Safeguarding Our Children -- United Mothers*

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The common gathering place and the resultant support child predators are providing each other is probably their most significant advantage, -- and the most troublesome for a concerned public. The

computer, a common household fixture, is now a place where pedophiles can go to hear others say, "You're okay and what you're doing is okay; don't listen to the rest of the world, just listen to us."

The ability to receive and offer comfort within the support of their like-minded group reinforces pedophiles with the belief that their attraction to children and adult-child sex are an acceptable way of life.

Child predators are forming an online community and bond that is unparalleled in history. They are openly uniting against legal authorities and discussing ways to influence public thinking and legislation on child exploitation. A group of admitted pedophiles has even developed their creed, "The BoyLove Manifesto" (below).

While pedophile Websites are being tracked down and removed from Internet servers in countries all over the world, they are still easily finding ways to post Websites, Webrings, forums and chat rooms. Recent online topics have even focused on fund raising efforts and plans to purchase a dedicated server for their Websites.

It is easy to find and read messages between pedophiles supporting adult-child sex. It is also increasingly common to observe pedophiles in chat rooms promoting one another to move forward with advances on new victims and their families, -- in what they define as "loving relationships."

The advancement of Internet technology allows pedophiles to exchange information about children in an organized forum. They are able to meet in "online chat rooms" and educate each other. These online discussions include sharing schemes about how to meet, attract, and exploit children, -- and how to lure the parents of their victims into a false sense of security about their presence within the sanctity of the family structure. It has become an online "How To" seminar in pedophilia activities.

Pedophile chat rooms, forums, irc-chat, and newsgroups are filled with information on "their" boys and girls and the "safety tips" that allow the abuse to remain hidden. Some of their Websites have information posted telling children that it is okay to be sexual with adults. It is in direct opposition to the messages advocates, teachers, and parents have been trying instill in our country's children.

The larger the sense of community and support that is offered, the bolder pedophiles have become in their graphic descriptions of sex with and exploitation of children. The added comfort of anonymous email addresses and anonymous surfing is helping pedophiles literally "hide in the open"! They appear to be feeling safe enough in their nicknames to openly relate (and brag about) their stories of child exploitation.

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#### **NOTE:**

The largest organized pedophile group on the Internet is the Man/Boy Love. That is not to say they are the only ones, just that they indeed do have the largest community. Their Website community is entitled "Free Spirits."

Within the "Free Spirits" Internet community are pages of links to other Websites, that include:

- Personal Pedophile Web Pages
- BL IRC Channels
- Pedophile Organizations
- Pedophile Web Forums
- Pedophilia History
- Documents that support the pedophile viewpoint.

"Free Spirits" also provides links to non-pedophile children's organizations and child protection Websites, like:

- Adoption
- Boys and Girl Organizations
- Boy and Girl Fan Clubs
- Child Sites, and many more.

**NOTE:**

None of these pedophile pages are blocked by current software.

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## *The Boylove Manifesto*

### **Who Are We?**

Boylove is a worldwide phenomenon that does not recognise the boundaries of gender, race, nationality, age, religious beliefs or philosophy. Boylove describes a special kind of relationship between human males. Boylove has always been with us, exists among us today and will always continue to exist.

A boylover is commonly referred to as a "pedophile". Since boylovers can only speak for themselves, the feminists viewpoint cannot be expressed as part of this document. For the same reason you will not find a treatment about the love of women to boys, nor the love of men to girls as part of this discussion. The aim of this document is to explain the love between human males.

As boylovers we distance ourselves from the current discussion about "child sexual abuse". We are not willing to participate in a confrontational discussion that does not even take into account the variety of sexual relationships between various age groups.

This document represents the views of the author. The stereotype boylover does not exist. There are as many different opinions among boylovers, as there are men who love and admire boys.

### **Who Should Read This Document?**

This document was written for all boylovers, their friends, their boyfriends and their girlfriends. Further, it was conceived for those children who have been, or may someday be confronted with this subject. It is aimed at parents, counselors, teachers and everyone whose life is touched, privately or professionally, by children. Hopefully, it will be read by some who deal with children, youths and boylovers as part of a therapy program. Finally, this document is a resource for those who may have kept an open mind and are genuinely interested in learning more about the difficult subject of "boylove".

This document hopes to assist the reader in shaping his or her own opinion. While we are not hoping to gain any supporters for our opinions, we would like to be afforded the opportunity to submit our point-of-view to the current debate.

### **Why Was This Document Published?**

The discourse about sexual contacts between different age groups, particularly those that take place between children and adults, has reached a dead-end. The parties on either side of the argument are no longer on speaking terms. Those who have taken it upon themselves to protect every boy from every boylover place the blame squarely on the boylover. To further their cause, these people do not bother



to separate fiction and hearsay from the alleged facts. Their doctrine still nourishes from several centuries filled with repressive sexual standards. When child sexuality became taboo, the thought spread through our collective conscience that a child is simply not a sexual being. Sigmund Freud ventured past this taboo. Since that time, the attempt has been made to restrict the newly discovered sexuality of children by means of legislation. The imbalance of power which governs the relationship between adults and children was swiftly expanded to include the subject of sexuality. The adult members of our society mandate how a child is to cope with his or her own sexuality.

The attempt to employ restrictions and punishment as a means of child rearing often causes the child to experience serious conflicts. While may traumatise the child, it will certainly do nothing to further his or her natural development in the future. The discrepancy between the desire a child may experience and the restrictions placed upon these desires by society harms the natural and healthy development of his or her own sexuality. As a result, these children will suffer from some psychological damage even as adults.

This document presents the opposing point of view. At the same time, it attempts to liberate children and adults from many false premises which govern our relationships and our sexuality. In view of the social and cultural position of a boylover, an attempt will be made to present his fundamental ethics - particularly the rights of the boy and the boylover's responsibilities.

## **What Is Boylove?**

It is not possible to reduce or limit boylove by focusing only on the sexual aspects of an intergenerational relationship. Human sexuality plays the same part in a boylove relationship as it undoubtedly does in any relationship between human beings. Therefore it may not be present, only slightly present, or explicitly present in any given relationship. A relationship that is based on sexual contact alone is not really part of boylove, because this term includes far more than that.

A boylover desires a friendly and close relationship with a boy. This relationship will not necessarily include any sexual intimacy, nor will it necessarily exclude it. A boylover's fascination focuses primarily on the "boyish" and "childish" traits that are particular to any boy. The physical traits of the boy and the boylover's sexual desires, which may or may not be present, are quite secondary to that fascination. A boylover will go to great lengths to protect a boy from negative influences, or any physical and emotional harm. Further, a boylover will not resort to threats nor will he show any signs of aggressive or even violent behavior as part of a relationship.

## **The Boylove Relationship?**

In most cases is the attraction between the boylover and the boy is mutual. The boy is drawn to an adult who takes him seriously and treats him respectfully. The boylove relationship is void of the demeaning power struggles and restrictions which are customarily are part of any child/adult relationship. In a boylove relationship, the boy is afforded the chance to experience himself as a person. A person who may have and express his own opinion, without running the risk of having it cast aside as unqualified, or even "childish". His spirit, as well as his body, are seen as a whole. Not as something that is still in the process - a developmental stage on the way to adulthood.

A child is commonly viewed as someone who needs to grow up in order to become a person. Society applies adult standards in order to shape and mould the child. Personality traits that may be considered undesirable or inconvenient, are often removed in the process of child rearing and education.

As part of a boylove relationship the older partner accepts and nourishes the spirit of the child. The boylover doesn't try to apply adult standards of behaviour in order force the boy's spirit to fit the mould. The boy experiences this acceptance of his own unique character as something very special and pleasant. He feels free to develop and grow, because his partner treasures his personality and takes it seriously.

Although the adult partner is always in a position to exercise power over the child, the boylover tries

to avoid any power struggles within the relationship. However, the boylover must be aware of the fact that an imbalance of power is present in any adult/child relationship. Therefore a situation may arise where he may need to raise this topic with his partner.

## **What Are The Rights Of The Boy?**

First and foremost it is the right of the boy to develop his personality and his sexuality freely. This rule must govern every boylove relationship and it does. Any physical or psychological pressure inherently infringes upon this precious right. Further, any restrictions that may interfere with the development of his personality, or those that may prohibit him from experiencing his sexuality without restraints, may also be considered an infringement of his rights. It is the boylovers responsibility to shape the relationship in order to comply to the wishes and needs of the boy. It is also his responsibility to ask questions and listen carefully. Most importantly, the boylover must not interfere with the autonomous development of the boy.

The boy has the right to be protected against physical or psychological abuse. It should also be considered a form of abuse when a boy is prohibited from exercising his rights to experience a loving relationship, or if he is not allowed to experience and develop his own sexuality. The rights of the boy should be respected in this regard, too.

## **What Are Our Demands?**

We demand the freedom of individual sexuality for boys and for boylovers.

We demand that current standards of sexuality are reconsidered. These standards infringe upon basic human rights, because they prohibit children and those who love them from even thinking about engaging in any sexual intimacy.

We demand that any medical, psychological or religious notions which are preconceived against child sexuality, be exempted from a discussion about new sexual standards.

We demand that children as well as boylovers be included in the current debate concerning sexuality between children and adults. At this point, the "experts" are people who have gained their knowledge about intergenerational relationships from books and statistics. It sounds incredible: there are people who are defending the best interests of an age group and they haven't even bothered to ask members of this age group if this representation is desirable, or in their best interests.

We demand our freedom of speech in the media. The internet is being targeted as the forum for boylovers. We demand to be held to the same standards as every other participant in the internet: if there is nothing illegal being published on a "boylove site" then this site may not be shut down, or censored at will.

We demand a forum for open communication between boylovers. A forum that is entirely free from repression. This discourse, support and a sense of community is important. It is a place to discuss sexual ethics and a forum that will be reached by boylovers from around the globe.

We demand that society reconsiders the status of the child. This is our most important demand. Since children are not granted their own personality, and since they are not being taken seriously, there are "experts" who may represent their "best interests". And as long as we allow this representation to take place, children will be denied their right to develop their own personality, as well as their own sexuality.

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NAMBLA was founded in 1978, within Boston's gay and lesbian community, in response to a witch hunt against man/boy lovers in that city. Since then, NAMBLA has worked to build a community of support through our publications and conferences. Our spokespeople raise awareness of the issue in the media and academia, before community groups, and among the general public.

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