

# Porn Wars

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The reason for this hearing is not to promote any legislation. Indeed, I don't know of any suggestion that any legislation be passed. But to simply provide a forum for airing the issue itself, for ventilating the issue, for bringing it out in the public domain. Senator Hollings.

[Senator Hollings:] I've had the opportunity to, ah, attend a, a showing, you might say, or presentation of, ah, this porn rock, as they call it. In the test of pornography, one of the things to look at is it, it does not have any redeeming social value. Ah, there could be an exception here, because having attended that press, presentation, the redeeming social value I find that is inaudible. I have a hard time understanding it, then. Paul, since I traveled the country for 3 years, 'n they said they could not understand me. Maybe I could make a good rock star. I don't know. Heh... But in all candor, I would tell you it's, it's outrageous filth. So, I'll be looking from this Senator's standpoint, not just to bring pressures but to try to see if there is some constitutional provisions to tax, or approach that can be used on the Congress to limit this outrageous filth.

[Chairman:] Senator Tribble.

[Senator Tribble:] Rape, incest, sexual violence...

[Senator Hollings:] It's outrageous filth...

[Senator Tribble:] Is like sandpaper to the soul... Now, the effects of such lyrics on a well adjusted child may not be cataclysmic

[Senator Hollings:] It's outrageous filth!

[Senator Tribble:] Rather the emotional damage is more subtle

[Senator Hawkins:] Fire and chains and...

[Senator Hollings:] It's outrageous filth!

[Senator Hawkins:] Other... objectionable... tools of gratification in some twisted mind...

[Johnny Guitar Watson:] YEAH!

[Senator Tribble:] Now, the effects of such lyrics on a well adjusted child may not be cataclysmic...

[Senator Hollings:] Porn Rock...

[Senator Tribble:] Rather the emotional damage is more subtle

[Senator Hollings:] Willy nilly over the air

[?:] (And hear it now... hear it... hear it... )

[Senator Hollings:] If I could find some way constitutionally to do away with it, I would.

[Senator Hawkins:] Fire and chains and... other... objectionable...

[Senator Hollings:] Rock porn

[Senator Hawkins:] Tools of gratification in some twisted mind...

[Johnny Guitar Watson:] YEAH!

[Senator Tribble:] Now, the effects of such lyrics on a well adjusted child may not be cataclysmic...

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[Senator Tribble:] Rather the emotional damage...

[Senator Hollings:] If I could find some way constitutionally to do away with it, I would.

[Senator Hawkins:] This issue is too hot not to cool down

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[Senator Tribble:] Rather the emotional damage is more subtle

[Senator Hollings:] Porn Rock

[Senator Hollings:] Porn Rock  
[Senator Hollings:] Porn Rock...  
Burn! Burn... !  
[Senator Hollings:] Willy nilly over the air  
[Senator Hollings:] Willy nilly over the air  
[Senator Hollings:] Willy nilly over the air  
[Senator Hollings:] Rock porn... rock porn... rock porn...  
[Senator Hawkins:] This issue is too hot not to cool down  
[Senator Hawkins:] Fire and chains and... other... objectionable... tools of gratification in some twisted mind...  
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[Senator Hawkins:] This issue is too...

[Spider:] This must be the end of the world! All the people turning into pigs and ponies... I can't let it happen to me!

[Senator Exon:] What is the reason for these hearings in front of the Commerce Committee?

[FZ:] Sex!

Well...

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[Senator Hawkins:] Thank you. I think that statement tells the story to this committee.

[Rev. Jeff Ling:] "Listen you little slut, do as you are told"

[Senator Exon:] What is the reason...

[FZ:] Sex!

[Senator Exon:] For these hearings in front of the Commerce Committee?

[FZ:] Sex!

Underwear

[FZ:] Bondage!

[Rev. Jeff Ling:] Listen you little slut

[Rev. Jeff Ling:] Listen you little slut, do as you are told

[FZ:] Sex, and lots of it

[Rev. Jeff Ling:] Fixed her good.

[FZ:] Sex! Sex! Sex! Sex!...

[Senator Hawkins:] I would be interested to see what toys your kids ever had .

[FZ:] Why would you be interested?

[Senator Hawkins:] Just as a point of interest in this...

[FZ:] Well, come on over to the house. I'll show 'em to you... Really!

[Senator Hawkins:] I... I might do that.

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[Senator Tribble:] Now the effects of such lyrics on a well adjusted child may not be cataclysmic...  
[Johnny Guitar Watson:] YEAH!  
[Senator Hollings:] Something that we have got to give some kind of attention to.  
[Senator Tribble:] The mere announcement of this hearing led to cries of censorship.  
[Senator Tribble:] Now the effects of such lyrics on a well adjusted child may not be cataclysmic...  
[Senator Hollings:] Porn Rock  
[Senator Tribble:] Now the effects of such lyrics on a well adjusted child may not be cataclysmic...  
[Senator Hollings:] If I could find some way constitutionally to do away with it, I would.  
[Senator Tribble:] Rather the emotional damage...

[Chairman:] Thank you very much, Mr. Zappa. You understand that the, the, ah, previous witnesses were not asking for legislation. And I, I don't know, I can't speak for Senator Hollings, but I think that the prevailing view here is that nobody is asking for legislation. The question is just focusing on what a lot of people perceived to be a problem, and you have indicated that you at least understand that there is another point of view.

[Senator Hollings:] Willy nilly over the air  
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[Chairman:] Senator Gore.

[Senator Gore:] Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I found your statement very interesting and, ah, let me say although I disagree with some of the statements that you make and have made on other occasions, I have been a fan of your music, believe it or not. And I, I, ah, respect you as a true original and a tremendously talented musician.

[Spider:] Ooh, wait a minute!

[Senator Hollings:] Maybe I could make a good rock-star, I don't know  
[Rev. Jeff Ling:] Come with... come with... come with daddy!  
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[Spider:] They don't even understand their own music... of course nobody does, but...  
[John:] They don't, they don't even know what they're doing  
[Spider:] No!  
[John:] I've, I've seen 'em a couple of times...  
[Spider:] Did... did you see their uniforms?  
[John:] Unbelievable!  
[Monica:] Which ones? They, the red ones?  
[John:] All those rhinestones over their rings and things like that  
[Monica:] Do you know what I...  
[John:] Gold lame hoof-covers... Unbelievable!

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[Rev. Jeff Ling:] Gonna drive my love inside you

[Senator Hollings:] It's outrageous filth

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[Rev. Jeff Ling:] Come with daddy!

[Senator Hollings:] Rock, rock, Porn Rock!

[Senator Hollings:] Rock porn

[Senator Hollings:] Willy nilly over the air

[Senator Hollings:] An' I think your suggestion is a good one. If you print those words, that would go a long way to satisfying everyone's objections, I ...

[FZ:] All we have to do is find out how it is going to be paid for.

Pyromania

No questions

Burn the building!

Burn! Burn! Burn!

[Johnny Guitar Watson:] YEAH!

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[Johnny Guitar Watson:] YEAH!

We'll get back to de wimp and his low-budget conceptium of personal freedom in just a moment. But foist, welcome to: WHAT DE FUCK GWINE ON HERE? (A celebration o' de American way o' life!) I see some o' y'all be FROWNIN'... 'cause mebbe y'think what I's tellin' ya' is a LIE! Am I right? Les' jes' have a test... How many o' you nice folks think I knows what I's talkin' 'bout? RAISE Y'HAIN UP! Uh-huh! An' how many thinks my potato been bakin' too long? RAISE YO MIZZABLE HAIN UP! Uh-huh! Now... how many you folks is CONVINCED de gubmint be totally 'UNCONCERNED' wit de proliferatium o' UNDESIRABLE TENANTS in de CONDOMINIUM o' LIFE? An' how many folks believe THEY number won't come up, next time de breeze blow fum de Easterly directium? Les' face it, peoples! Ugly as I might be, I AM YO' FUTCHUM! Ain't that right, SISTER OB'DEWL LA? Hmm hmm! Oh, oh yeah! Thass right!

[Chairman:] Senator Gorton.

Senator Gorton: Mr. Zappa, I, ah, am astounded at the courtesy and soft-voiced nature of the comments of my friend, the Senator from Tennessee. I can only say that I found your statement to be boorish, ah, incredibly and insensitively insulting to the people that were here previously; that you could manage to give the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States a bad name, if I felt that you had the slightest understanding of it, which I do not. You do not have the slightest understanding of the difference between Government action and private action, and you have certainly destroyed any case you might otherwise have had with this Senator. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[FZ:] Is this private action?

[Rev. Jeff Ling:] Degradation. Humiliation. Thrusting, shoving. Animals humping.

[Senator Hawkins?:] There's no absolute right to free speech

[FZ:] I don't think this is constitutional...

[Tipper Gore:] A voluntary labeling is not censorship...

[Rev. Jeff Ling:] Bend up and smell my anal vapor

[Tipper Gore:] A voluntary... voluntary... voluntary...  
[Tipper Gore:] A voluntary labeling is not censorship...

[Rev. Jeff Ling:] Degradation... humiliation...

Well...

[Rev. Jeff Ling:] Gonna drive my love inside of you

Well...

[FZ:] Is this private action?

[Senator Hawkins:] In chains...

[Rev. Jeff Ling:] Listen you little slut, do as you are told...

[Senator Hawkins?:] There's no absolute right...

[Senator Hawkins?:] There's no absolute right...

Well...

Well...

[Rev. Jeff Ling:] Dressed in leather bondage, masks...

Well...

[Rev. Jeff Ling:] Bend up and smell my anal vapor

There's no... There's no...

[Chairman:] Mr. Zappa, thank you very much for your testimony.

[FZ:] Thank you.

[Chairman:] Next witness is John Denver...

[Senator Hollings?:] We haven't got 'em whipped on this one yet. You got a b  
ear by the tail here, uh? Jeezis!