

you put up a sign and say, no prairie dogs allowed, they don't know that. But the second thing, there is an ecological side to it. The Henry Doorly Zoo, when we introduced the bill the first time, came alive right away and they've come to our hearings and the point is the Henry Doorly Zoo is fostering the reintroduction of the black-footed ferret to the environment here in the State of Nebraska and black-footed ferrets are so particular about what they eat. They eat only prairie dogs. So, you see, there's another reason for my bill. I would be happy to answer any questions that I could about it. It came out of committee unanimously and there were no amendments, and so if you would vote for it today, I would be really pleased. If I get it to Final Reading, I might even get an autographed picture of a prairie dog for you. Thank you.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Crosby, let me tell you that yours is the first bill to actually have somebody that wants to speak about it, it's Senator Engel, followed by Senator Dierks. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Chairman, if I could ask Senator Crosby a question.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Crosby, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR CROSBY: Yes, Senator Engel.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR ENGEL: If they comply by the law and they're all killed by November 1st, where does the new crop come up every year? Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Prairie dogs know how to cope with that.

SENATOR LANDIS: I think cope is a shortened word for the appropriate one here. Senator Dierks, you are also recognized.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker...Mr. President. Members of the body, Senator Crosby is very diligent about this. She's had this bill before our committee three years, I think, now. And we were able to get it out this year and I think she is...I'm sure she's very pleased about that. And I have to just stand and say that we did support this piece of legislation. The bill, as she told you, does not require you to kill...it