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came here in 1991, it was a law that you had to eradicate prairie dogs on your place. Senator Crosby brought a bill to us that said they no longer have to be controlled. I voted for it. It made sense. Now we have the federal government telling us that they are, not an endangered species, but a threatened species and all you have to do is go to western Nebraska to get a rancher fired up. Quite frankly, the saving grace for the prairie dog is that they're cute. They're a rodent like a rat. If they looked like a rat, nobody would care, but they're cute and they make this little barking noise. Lewis and Clark first discovered them on their trip west and they heard this barking, and that's where they got the name prairie dog. They were named on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. I don't hate the prairie dog. My son tells me that we have an infestation on our pasture now where we had eradicated them ten years ago. They stayed away ten years and now they're back.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: And now we have to decide, do we control them now? Do we let them wait a year or two so friends of ours and some of my family members can do a little target shooting? (Laugh) And, you know, we have that decision to make. But I know this much. If they're on 2 acres now and we wait, a year from now they'll be on 20 acres, and if wait another two or three years, they'll be on 200 acres. What's that got to do with this? Draw your judgment. But I would say this. I would like to have our rights to hunt and fish protected by a brick house, not by a house of straw, and I think we've got a house of straw now. Nobody sees the urgency in it. You know, choose your...choose how you're going to vote. This is what I'm going to do, and I'm going to pursue it as long as I'm in the Legislature, and I think the Sportsmen Foundation will pursue it also. And I have a resolution here...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...from the Game and Parks Commission.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Chambers, on your reconsideration motion. You're recognized to