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they're not going to find out about it from an A bill. They're going to find out it from the statutory language. So I see that Claudia is standing here and she probably has an answer to my question. And I'm sorry I took more time than I meant to, but I probably don't have any time left to give you, Senator Louden. But thank you for your responses.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Schrock.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Louden a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Louden, would you respond?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Louden, if a county, by resolution, adopts one of these plans, then fails to execute, what happens to the county?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, I don't suppose they have much of a...okay, if they adopt the plan, the local landowners can take care of part of their...part of the problem if they have a problem. They just adopt the management plan to allow the local landowners to have a method of managing their prairie dogs.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if the local landowner wants the animals to stay on his or her property, are you telling me that the adjacent landowner, if the county adopts the plan, can then go on to that other person's property and do something to those prairie dogs?

SENATOR LOUDEN: No, I don't think that's anywhere in the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It isn't. So here's what I'm asking. If the county adopts a management plan, then takes no action whatsoever, what is done to the county? Because the bill said once it adopts this program it shall assume all the duties and responsibilities. If the county refuses, after adopting this resolution, what is done to the county for its refusal to