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SENATOR LOUDEN: I don't know as anything would be done to the county. It works the same way as the noxious weed deal and you just heard Senator Stuthman talk about the noxious weed, that they have problems at times, and I pointed out that that usually depends on what the county officials want to do. The law is no...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then why...why, if the county chooses to do nothing, nothing is done to the county, but if the landowner is served a notice and does nothing, then there are penalties that this person must pay, including the costs entailed by the county in entering that land and doing something? Why do you hold the landowner to a higher standard of responsibility than you do the county?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Now, if the landowner doesn't do anything, then that's where it's the duty of the county to see to it that it's done.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if the county chooses not to do anything, nothing happens to the county, and nothing then happens to the landowner. Isn't that true?

SENATOR LOUDEN: I suppose. I suppose you could charge the county commissioners malfeasance of office or something like that (inaudible).

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that in the bill?

SENATOR LOUDEN: No, that isn't in the bill, but it doesn't have to be in the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I think it would. But let me ask you this. The opposite of up is down. The opposite of in is out. The opposite of hot is cold. The opposite of hard is soft. What is the opposite of gopher?

SENATOR LOUDEN: I suppose one of these pages around here.