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SENATOR CHAMBERS: "Comepher." (Laughter)

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, they're...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you learned something on your bill. That's all I'll ask you for now, Senator Louden. Thank you. But that might give people an idea what I think of this bill. Oh, here's a question I want to ask him. Senator Louden, it's important that we know what we're talking about. What animal are we talking about?

SENATOR LOUDEN: The black-tailed prairie dog.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, when they talk about wildcats or lynxes, there's a Lynx canadensis and a Lynx rufus. Now, I want to know the name of this critter so that he will be distinguished from other prairie dogs, because obviously there's more than one type. Or, is there only one type of prairie dog in Nebraska?

SENATOR LOUDEN: I think there's only one type of prairie dog in Nebraska. There are five species of prairie dogs.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In Nebraska?

SENATOR LOUDEN: No, in the United States, but as far as I know there's only the black-tailed one in here. Right now, I don't have the (inaudible).

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so if that is the only type prairie dog, if there are other types, this bill does not affect them, does it?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Exactly. That isn't the idea. Right now the problem is with the black-tailed variety and that's what the bill is...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LOUDEN: ...designed to manage, is the black-tailed variety.