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SENATOR CHAMBERS: So I could import all of the other types, all of the four other species, and turn them loose on my land and they can go everywhere they want to, onto anybody's land, and this bill will not affect it. Isn't that true?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, this bill wouldn't, but the Game and Parks would, because I don't think you can move prairie dogs more than, what, 200 feet or something like that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, you've never seen me...

SENATOR LOUDEN: There's a ruling on what...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...you've never seen me operate. Just like when they say Rome wasn't built in a day, had I been the foreman that might be a different story. But that's all I'll ask you for now, Senator Louden. Thank you. Mr. President, since my time is almost up, I'll stop now. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, what I'm going to speak about has very little to do with this bill, but I would like to relate to the members of this body what happened to the Natural Resources Committee when, about four years ago, we had an interim study hearing at Chadron State Park and the issue was noxious weeds on Game and Parks' property and what they were doing to control them and if they were controlling noxious weeds. Well, as I recall, and if there's other committee members that can help me here, about 15 to 20 people showed up. We never talked one time about noxious weeds. We ended up spending two hours talking about prairie dogs and Game and Parks and their lack of control. My suspicions on this bill are that unless you live in Senator Smith or Louden or Erdman's district, or probably Senator Fischer's district, this doesn't concern you too much. Sure, there's a few prairie dogs out there. We controlled them on our pasture a few years back, probably ten years ago, and they weren't back for six or eight years. But, guess what, there's a few back now, so I suppose we're going to have to take some action. Because I would love