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of a county. You know, they're taxed the same way as anything else, and I don't think they want to change that as far as valuation base of a county. But it does...but it does change the income ability of the property owner. You know, I know a lot of us...you know, have no concern, are really not affected by this bill. We, in my district, I don't think I've ever seen a prairie dog. The only dogs we see are what we call the dump dogs that come out and they're in the road ditches, running around. Our personal dog right now and the last four or five that we had were what we called the pickup dogs. They end up being fairly good dogs, but they were dumped there. They were hauled out to the country in the community and released, and we've taken a, you know, taken a good approach and tried to, you know, make a good home for those animals. Those are the regular dogs. But, you know, we're dealing with an issue of the prairie dog, you know, which I'm sure a certain amount of them are probably cute, probably not a major problem. But when they get into colonies and affect the income earning ability of that property, then I think it's an issue. And I think I want to be very...I'm concerned with the people that have the property there and what they can do with that property. So I am...I am supporting Senator Loudon with this just for the fact that I think, you know, something needs to be done as far as the management of it so that they can control it, so that they can still have revenue from their assets, you know, so they can pay taxes so they can have an honest living. So those are my comments for right now and I'll turn the balance of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Further discussion? Senator Howard.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. President. If Senator Loudon would allow me, I would like to ask him a question, as I have no experience in this area and would appreciate some clarification.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Loudon, would you yield to Senator Howard?

SENATOR LOUDON: Yes.