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SENATOR HOWARD:      Senator Louden, when you talk in terms of management, what exactly does that mean?

SENATOR LOUDEN:      Well, that would mean you could keep them...if they're encroaching on someone's property, there's various ways to manage them.      You can put up fences, and that's what the Wildlife Service is...National Wildlife Service, Forest Service, is doing now. They're putting up fences because it happens to be this time of year they're not allowed to do anything else. They can be loaded up and trapped, but when you do that then you have to have some other place to release them. And, of course, they can be eradicated.      Now, if they're diseased or something...and they do carry bubonic plague. It isn't uncommon for them to have that. Right now, there's a colony in Wyoming that does have bubonic plague in them. So there's various ways of management. You don't always have to eradicate them. You just have to control them and keep them on your own property.

SENATOR HOWARD:      What would you envision to be the most likely scenario in terms of management?      Would it be corralling them and transporting them?

SENATOR LOUDEN:      If it's an...the Forest Service, I think that's probably what they're looking at, at the present time. They're looking at different ways to move them out. My understanding is in Colorado, in some of the city area where Denver is moving out over the prairie dog areas, some places they have left the prairie dogs to have a certain amount of room. But again, if they ever are a problem, they do have some type of a vacuum thing. They pick them up and load them up and trap them and then I don't know where they...in Colorado, perhaps you don't have to have a permit to move them a distance.

SENATOR HOWARD:      So you're suggesting a no-kill for the prairie dogs?

SENATOR LOUDEN:      Is it a what?

SENATOR HOWARD:      This would be a no-kill, in fact, for the prairie dogs?