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have it completed by a certain...within a certain number of days. I thought you might know. But I haven't had a chance to thoroughly read the bill so I can't answer that. If he named all of them Belevedere and they learned that that was their name, and when he said, Belevedere, come here, boy, and all of them would come running, "boogidy, boogidy, boogidy," would that be acceptable? And if he showed the county that this is what happens when he says that, here they all come, would that be acceptable to the county?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, I suppose it would be, but if he could do that he could certainly get a big job if he could runaround prairie dog colonies and naming him Belevedere and get him to follow him. That'd be like the Pied Piper or something like that. I mean, that's great. If you can find somebody to do that, why, let me know because I'm sure he'd be available.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You may be talking to him, but we won't go into that right now. We have much more territory to cover before we sleep. I want to ask you a question, Senator Louden. What do you call a group of prairie dogs? What is the term applied to a group of prairie dogs?

SENATOR LOUDEN: You mean a colony?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I want to ask...no, not what I mean. What do you mean? What is it? What do you call a group of prairie dogs?

SENATOR LOUDEN: A colony.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, when I look at the definition, it says "colony" means the series of burrows and tunnels created by the black-tailed prairie dog where black-tailed prairie dogs live. A colony is the burrows and tunnels, so that's not what the dogs are called. So how would you manage? A managed colony, if the colony consists of the burrows and the tunnels, all I have to do is go on the adjacent property and fill those tunnels with dirt. Isn't that true? That's all that I can be required to do under this bill.