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SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay. That's in Section 2, (1), and that's says where colonies are burrows and tunnels where prairie dogs live. So if there are tunnels there and prairie dogs lives there, then that's the colony.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The colony is the burrows and the tunnels, so if I fill up those burrows and tunnels, that's all I can be required to do. Isn't that true?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It doesn't say anything about a colony constitutes a group of prairie dogs. A colony is the burrows and tunnels, just like saying a condominium...you don't say a condominium consists of the people who live there. The condominium is the structure. According to the definition...and we're in court now. The prairie dogs are my clients. They're about to be exterminated. Your Honor, if it pleases the court, the colony is the burrows and tunnels, and if my client fills the burrows and tunnels you cannot touch these animals and you cannot make my client do otherwise. I want Senator Louden, on his time, to show where what I've said is untrue based on the definition in his bill of what is a colony. How much time do I have, Mr. President?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You have about ten seconds, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Just long enough to say (stutters) that's all, folks.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, followed by Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The issue of prairie dogs is certainly greater than the appearance of the little creatures themselves, and I believe that Senator Louden's plan is a well-thought-out plan that addresses reality. A few years ago the federal government came down with an order or started to come down with an order that suggested that there were not enough prairie dogs in Nebraska, and I believe they sought to return the prairie dog populations to the approximate 1850s population. So we're talking a long time ago here. The