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try to keep the state out of this just as much as possible. I don't want to encourage another bureaucracy at the...up here in Lincoln, whether it's agricultural or anything else, for that matter. And so the effort of the...

SENATOR JENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...third amendment is to suppress those elements of your plan that tend to draw the state in.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. I do wish to point out that we're not creating another bureaucracy because there's already an animal damage control in the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. At the present time, they use that to control coyotes, fox, and other predatory animals, and also it can be used for European starlings on...in the city of Omaha. The reason for that money in there is usually it can be used to access federal funds and usually the APHIS part of the wildlife damage control area gives you...I think if you put in about twenty-some thousand dollars you get a lot more in-kind service in that. They're the ones that take care of coyotes and animals like that, that are bothering.

SENATOR JENSEN: Time, Senator. Thank you, Senator Louden, Senator Beutler. Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I would like Senator Chambers and Senator Louden to pay attention because I can tell you something about the prairie dog that maybe you don't know, and you're all ears. The largest social unit of the prairie dogs is indeed called a colony or a town. The towns, then, are divided into wards, and then the smallest social group of prairie dogs is called a coterie or a harem. And this small group is made up of 1 male, 1 to 4 females, and any of their offspring that are less than two years of age, so they could be about 40 animals. The largest prairie dog colony or town is one in Texas that's about 100 miles by 240 miles, and it has an estimated 400 million animals. So there I have added to your knowledge about prairie dogs this afternoon. Thank you, Mr. President.