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much, because the persons involved is...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LOUDEN: ...there isn't enough people to go out and work with prairie dogs. Most of the prairie dog work in the last few years, and especially when it was under federal regulations and considered on the endangered species list, or a candidate for the endangered species list, they were federal people, so they weren't always allowed to work at that, as far as my understanding.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was there a time when some counties paid to have the prairie dog problem addressed?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yes. I think...oh, let's see, probably back in, what, somewhere around '57 or '60, back in there sometime. It's been a long time ago. But they...at that time it was a federal program, and they were out...they'd literally eradicate them. I mean, this wasn't a management plan; this was a get rid of them plan, back then. And of course, that's been nearly 50 years ago.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they've come back, right?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Oh, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And I know our time is up. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Louden.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You heard the opening on the amendment, FA159. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, an announcement, please.

CLERK: Retirement Systems, Mr. President, will meet at 2:00 in Room 2022.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. You've heard the opening on FA159. Open for discussion. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature,