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classes of misdemeanors and that stuff usually have a certain fine up to a maximum amount.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you be willing to accept \$15,000 as the maximum that somebody must pay who has been out of compliance for 15 days, knowing that they're supposed to comply?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, I would...when you got on to that, I mean, you could put the maximum on there. But I would like to see some other kind of a...I guess with a minimum, or something like that. I don't know as we really need something like that, because this is part of the law that we really don't hope we have to use.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then are you willing to strike all of this language that talks about any kind of a fine? First of all, Senator Louden, if a person does not implement a program, the county is empowered, after giving notice pursuant to Senator Beutler's amendment yesterday, to go on the land and implement a management program. Isn't that true?

SENATOR LOUDEN: If the county has passed by resolution to opt in to the Black-Tailed Management...Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Plan, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if the person does not pay, or is unable to pay, the cost of that management plan, whatever it is, will be an assessment against that person's property. Isn't that true?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yeah. Same as what we read for the rats in Omaha. It's assessed against the property the same way.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there anything in that ordinance you read and that you're placing reliance on from Omaha that says \$100 per day fine for every day you're out of compliance, up to however many days? Is that in there, too?

SENATOR LOUDEN: I'll have to look at that. I've just got a bullet sheet on it here. But yeah, we can look up the ordinance to see what it has. I...