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understand what I was talking about?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, I was...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you talk into the mike, please?

SENATOR LOUDEN: I was waiting for Belafonte. I was always kind of a fan of Belafonte, but I didn't catch...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The words...

SENATOR LOUDEN: ...catch the tune, I guess.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, and the words didn't really give you the message, did they?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Not really.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So now I'm going to ask the question more directly. Senator Louden, is this bill an eradication bill or is it not an eradication bill?

SENATOR LOUDEN: It is not an eradication bill. There's nothing in there that says the prairie dogs have to be eradicated.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now, my amendment says, "In no event shall eradication be an option," in this bill. That statement would accurately reflect what you have been telling us, wouldn't it?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay, when you put that in there, that changes the outlook of the bill because then that takes away a management tool, if it's so necessary to use.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then eradication is contemplated under this bill as a way to manage them, isn't it?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Let's see...okay, you put in there, in no...that eradication is not...not to be an option. Is that...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.