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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, the county is required, if they adopt one of these management programs, to draw up rules and regulations, and the county is the one that would do it.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Oh, you want me to answer that?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh-huh. Oh, there may not be time, so I'll wait until I get a chance to speak again. Then we can resume. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Howard, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. Well, I have learned recently that it's only a short step to the left from management to eradication, and in studying this I realized that Texas has an on-site devoted to the black-tailed prairie dog, and in reading their information I learned that large concentrations are really now a thing of the past due to the extensive use of poison grain to kill the animals in land conversion for agriculture. The black-tailed prairie dog is currently an endangered individual...animal in some areas and is under consideration by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for listing as being threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Having shared that bit of information, I would like to grant the remainder of my time to Senator Chambers. Thank you.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Senator Howard. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator Howard. Senator Louden, here's what I want to know, so I will ask, Madam President, would Senator Louden yield to a question or two?

SENATOR STUHR: Senator Howard, do you...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Louden.

SENATOR STUHR: Senator Louden.