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comfortable with. And, no, I wouldn't go back to the green copy now. I'd stay with the committee amendments we...and I think as we've worked on that thing and gotten...made some progress on it, I think that can be fine-tuned a lot better shape than starting all over again on the green copy.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if the counties were the ones who spoke against it...

SENATOR LOUDEN: Not all counties, now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and they...

SENATOR LOUDEN: Don't...don't...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, NACO represents the counties. Is that true?

SENATOR LOUDEN: They...true, and I don't...and there was a lot of division on how that was done. So not all counties, because I have several counties in my area that are waiting for this to go through so they can implement it, especially where they have some Forest Service land and state-owned lands around.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: State-owned lands and Forest Service lands. The Forest Service would refer to the federal government or the state government?

SENATOR LOUDEN: National Forest Service.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That would be federal.

SENATOR LOUDEN: State-owned lands I would consider state-owned lands.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And you feel that the state, once this would be put in place, would begin to manage these prairie dogs on the state land. Is that true?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay, the way this is set up, and if we, as we progress forwards with this bill and the federal government at