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veteran in this area. Senator Smith, if it's true that the state owns wild animals, should it be the responsibility of the state to manage those animals if they need management?

SENATOR SMITH: Senator, I'm not an expert on the situation. I can envision a circumstance where an activist would bring in a population of prairie dogs.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I'm not talking about activists. We're talking in general terms. I want you to free your mind...

SENATOR SMITH: But we have to be mindful of the situations that can and may occur.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Say it again.

SENATOR SMITH: We have to be mindful of situations that can and will...are bound to occur.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let's deal with the bill that we have here and the issue it's addressing. If it is...well, let me phrase it in a way that might make it easier for you to understand what I'm talking about. If the state owns a vehicle and that vehicle breaks down in front of your house, should you have to pay to have the state's vehicle towed away and repaired?

SENATOR SMITH: Was it sitting on the city street?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: I don't believe I should have to pay, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If the vehicle comes into your driveway and it breaks down, should you have to pay to have it towed away?

SENATOR SMITH: Was it a wild vehicle?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It may have been driven in a wild manner, but it belongs to the state. We know who has the title.

SENATOR SMITH: Perhaps out of control?