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completely ruined for various animals, you got to be...got to be consideration on...put some consideration on this because some of the other animals don't rely entirely on the prairie dog for habitat. Most generally, the prairie dogs were something that was...been there since time began in areas. Of course, their range is cut down, been cut down considerably. But you also want to remember that we cut down the farming area by urban sprawl and that sort of thing and a lot of these areas are where prairie dogs have lived. Get around the Denver area, they're moving right out over the top of the prairie dogs. Usually when they do, why, those prairie dogs, they're eradicated. There's no problem, there's no management to them. They finally have been able to hold off a small area there in the north side of Denver that has a small dog colony in there, that they've been taken care of. So when we talk about bills like this, this is something that you're going to have to face some time or another or else there will be no room left for the prairie dog, as no room was left for the buffalo. Right now, there's...and there's been landowners that have been back in the buffalo business. We've had people south of Rushville, the Budds, have had buffalo for probably 40 years or so. They've raised them for years and years. Ted Turner presently gets all the press and publicity on the buffalo ranches that he's raising. Now I can tell you this, that as he's being...bringing buffalo into the Sandhills, and he's been in there now for a period of years, the buffalo are destroying the Sandhills. They're causing a lot of that country to start blowing again because buffalo have a tendency to get in an area and wallow and dig around till they get the grass system taken off. So there's all kinds of aspects to it. But if you're going to have people in this country and animals also, you're going to have to have plans to manage these animals as well as usually you have zones on managing people, as really that's what your zones are is a management of people. So this is something that can happen with...side by side with people and animals, and our prairie dog is no different. At the present time, there isn't any way to manage them in Nebraska. I think this time has come that we need to set up some direction on how...what direction we're going to take. Whether...if you leave it up to private people, I'm sure there will be no management plan. They will be annihilated, if possible. I saw that...