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SENATOR SCHROCK:    Yes, there is, and the season runs from August 1 to January 31.    The daily bag limit is 7, and possession is 28.    And I might add that on our farmstead we have quite a few trees and so we have squirrels around there, just like you do in your cities, and once in awhile one of them will get caught up in the elevator leg.    Now, an elevator leg is a contraption that carries grain and then dumps it down a downspout to a grain bin.    And about once a year, when we're running that elevator leg, why, the leg will quit working and we'll have grain scattered where it shouldn't be and at the bottom of the leg is a dead squirrel who got caught up in the belts.    And so there's more than one way for a squirrel to end its life and once in awhile they get tangled...

SENATOR CUDABACK:   One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK:    ...up in those elevator legs.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    There being a squirrel hunting season, does it apply throughout the state or only in what would be called rural areas?

SENATOR SCHROCK:    Senator Chambers, my presumption would be that you can't discharge a firearm inside city limits, so it would be wherever hunting is appropriate for rabbits and pheasants, any other game that you might have.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    And I was aware of that, but I'm trying to get a complete record.    Is there any definition in the game laws of a squirrel, do you know, or does it just use that word?

SENATOR SCHROCK:    I can make another phone call, but I do not know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Okay.    And specifically, since ground...since prairie dogs are members of the squirrel family, are they exempt from the squirrel hunting season?    That's what I'm trying to get at and I would appreciate it if you could get that answer.

SENATOR SCHROCK:    I will find out.