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eradication bill. If eradication is allowed, that's exactly the kind of bill that it is, and the fact that he does not want to take eradication off the table means he also knows that eradication is what will be contemplated. And the federal government, knowing how state legislatures, other than in Nebraska because of Chambers, will knuckle under and give these narrow, parochial groups what they want, retains the right to go their own way when it comes to managing these animals. I got a call yesterday in my office from a person who mentioned that there was a landowner who had used poison--this landowner didn't know what kind it was--to poison these prairie dogs, and other animals...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...did suffer. There were coyotes who ate these animals, apparently, and died. There were birds that had died. This is the carelessness that is utilized. But I do care and you all are just giving up a few hours of your time. That's all. This bill has not been in place ever and Nebraska has not ceased to exist, so it can continue not to be in existence, meaning this bill, and Nebraska still will exist and the prairie dogs will have been spared. There is an amendment I'm going to offer, but Senator Loudon has already said he's against it, but I want it to be discussed on its own, that eradication will be a last resort as a means of managing these animals. He can't go for that because he knows eradication is what some people will have in mind and will probably be the first thing...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...undertaken. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on, so I will recognize you to close on your reconsideration motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Second verse same as the first, because this is a reconsideration of my original amendment, which was to give the proper name to this bill. It would be changed from the misleading, inaccurate designation of