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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...15 days. Assessments can be made against the property of that individual. But the county, which causes all this by adopting a resolution, will have nothing happen to it if it decides not to do anything in compliance with this law. Preposterous, but I guess we'll just have to proceed and see where we wind up. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You're recognized, and this will be your third time, Senator.

Mr. President, members of the SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Legislature, this amendment would strike lines 7 through 9, which deals with the definition of a colony. And I don't know who fashioned this definition or where it came from. people might ask what is the difference between a burrow and a The definition of burrow could also fit a tunnel tunnel. because it's piercing or penetrating the earth, which is what a tunnel does, but it also can stand for the den or the location where an animal takes up residence. So maybe the two words should be there, but there is nothing that includes the animals explicitly. And although Senator Louden feels that it means burrows where animals currently are living, it can also mean the types of burrows in which prairie dogs would be expected to live, not necessarily that they're living there currently. A few words would take away the ambiguity or the question, but I'm not going to offer any amendments such as that. I'm not paid enough money to do that on a bill like this. That's not to say that I believe in piecework in the Legislature, p-i-e-c-e, where I do certain things because of the amount that I receive. make that statement to make a point. There are some things which affect a bill for which I feel so much opposition that I'm not going to offer anything to improve it. Senator Jeanne Combs has a "four-fanger," as she and I describe it, which I think is amenable to numerous amendments that would improve it based on what she's trying to do with it, but I don't want the bill to succeed so I'm not going to offer any of those amendments. I'm not paid enough. But I'm going to discuss Senator Louden's bill because it violates my religions, my religious beliefs. And I told you, according to my religion, killing prairie dogs is a And just like all these Christian missionaries run around here trying to convert people to their way of thinking, I want