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contracting with APHIS, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the USDA. Under Section 23-358, counties are authorized to carry on an animal damage control program and may cooperate with APHIS, state agencies, private associations, and individuals to control various predatory animals, nuisance birds, and other nuisance wildlife. Although prairie dogs are not listed specifically in this section, counties may already use their broad authority to enter into interlocal agreements to cooperate with other entities and control prairie dogs. Their question to me was why is there a need for this bill, which I thought was very interesting since I am recognized as an Omaha senator. With that question being asked to all of us, I would like to grant the remainder of my time to Senator Chambers. Thank you.

SENATOR ENGEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Lady Howard. The reason I asked the Chair, when he said time, he meant time for what, I thought he meant time for the Legislature as a body to decide to contribute something to the food pantry. So that's what I was getting at. I'm the poorest person on this floor, poorest. I will bet that I couldn't get my colleagues to join me in taking up a collection to contribute to that pantry which has those virtually empty barrels down there for people to give their castoff can goods or whatever else they want to dump in there. That couldn't be done, so I wouldn't even suggest that. There are so many opportunities for you all, who profess religion, to put it into practice. Why did you just do it on Sunday or Christmas or Easter or if your church decides to have some kind of food drive? People are hungry all the time. These food pantries are trying to help people. You'll bring a bill to kill God's creatures. Well, why won't you give some money to help those creatures of his which look just like you? You'll kill off the baby prairie dogs. Why don't you give some money to help human infants who are hungry because their parents or parent cannot afford to provide adequate nutrition? You don't want to hear that and you don't want to talk about that, do you? What is the Legislature for? What is the purpose of everything we do? Supposedly to make a better world to live in for human beings and their offspring. That barrel should be a tweaking of