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SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Since I have taken this office, since I was sworn in on January 5, I've had a great education down here. I...it's been marvelous. And I continue to learn, and I've learned additional information regarding the prairie dogs. This summer, there were many celebrations to honor Lewis and Clark, and in fact the explorers Lewis and Clark sent a prairie dog to President Thomas Jefferson while they were on their expedition; just a bit of an additional information, an aside, regarding Nebraska history and Nebraska lore, which impressed me. Having given you that, I will...I will offer the remainder of my time to Senator Chambers. Thank you.

SENATOR ENGEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Lady Howard. Members of the Legislature, Senator Loudon is not going to get the bill the way he wants it. Senator Friend has mentioned Wellington and Napoleon on occasion. In the same way that things can be learned from animals, things can be learned about military strategies...learned from military strategies and tactics. Although, as I've quoted on occasion, Christopher Marlowe said accused be the man who invented war. And that's true, but it hasn't made any difference in terms of the number of wars that are fought, the senselessness of those wars, the lack of good that results from them. One tactic that Senator Loudon should have considered is that on occasion, when you cannot meet your enemy in a head-to-head, all-out shooting battle because you might lose more people than you need, than you can afford, it is wise to give ground and renew the battle another day when your circumstances are more advantageous. But if you're going to ride into the valley of death because somebody tells you to, then that's what will await you. If the name of this depression in the ground is the valley of death, it tells you that that which occurs in that valley is death. So if the 600 ride into the valley, they all die. For what? Because they are fools. Now, this bill attempts to do something that I don't approve of, but I had made it clear that there were circumstances under which, despite my opposition to what is being attempted, if it must be done, there is a different way it