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SENATOR LOUDEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Louden, if we have property A and property B abutting each other, and prairie dogs are on both properties, and the one who owns property B does not want them there and makes a complaint to the county, which has accepted the responsibility of implementing one of these programs, how will the determination be made as to which property the prairie dogs originated from?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, if the prairie dogs are already there, I don't know if there's any way of determining where they originated from. I suppose the property owner that doesn't want them would probably be implementing some kind of procedure to be eradicating them and moving them off, or taking care of them, or whatever it is, on his property. And then, if he's done that and then they still keep encroaching, then I suppose they would go to the county. I wouldn't think they would go to the county until he's probably tried to get rid of them first and found out that it wasn't working.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let's say we had a person who was not as honest as you and me, and he decided that this is a way to get the county to make his neighbor do something about the prairie dogs on his land. Let me get this so that it's clear for the record. Landowner B wants to require landowner A to get the prairie dogs off landowner B's property. So although prairie dogs are on both landowner A's property and landowner B's property, landowner B goes to the county and says, these animals came from landowner A's property onto mine, and I want landowner A to have to do something about them. And let's say the county took the position that you stated, of being unsure of exactly where the origin of these animals would be. So landowner B would take steps to try to eradicate the animals. These steps would be unsuccessful, and animals would still be there. It seems to me that the same problem would continue to exist, because a determination still may not be made as to where they originated. Let's say they in fact originated on landowner B's property. And because of the activity undertaken by landowner B, they just scoot across that property line into