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least want her shirt to have made its appearance on the floor. What also was delivered to me by some very charming, intelligent women, is "Belevedere," a black-tailed prairie dog. Belevedere, in his right paw, has a sign which says, my name is Belevedere; please vote no on LB 673. How could any person who has a heart other than one made of stone resist the appeal of Belevedere the black-tailed prairie dog? Some of the other calls I got touched on information of the kind that Senator Beutler was reading about the valuable service provided by prairie dogs. Poor range management, not only in Nebraska, but other states where cattle are raised, cause problems with the entire ecosystem. When you read the supporters of this bill, when you read their comments, they talk about a decrease in the assessed value of land where prairie dogs may be found; therefore, they think the prairie dogs should be eradicated. Senator Loudon has talked about the money-producing capacity of land, which capacity will be diminished if not limited...eliminated by the presence of prairie dogs. He refuses to allow language, or agree to accept language which says that eradication is not an option, while continuing to tell us and the public that this is not an eradication bill. If you want to stop water from moving in a channel in its natural course, you dam it. You cannot tell the water, stop flowing downhill, and expect it to do it. You cannot stop these animals from migrating. The only available remedy, if you want to call it a remedy, is to exterminate or eradicate them. Senator Loudon knows that. The people who want this bill passed know that. I certainly know it, if they don't. And it's a policy that I'm going to oppose. Throughout this session, if, somehow, this bill moves, that will not end this lengthy discussion. And I will carry the discussion into other bills, too, and get my time on it. And the Legislature has to determine how much of the remaining session...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...they want to spend on this bill. I was given an abundance of information by a gentleman who knows a lot about prairie dogs, and is in agreement with the position that I'm taking, not because I'm taking it, but because it is the right one. But I didn't bring the information, though I was sorely tempted to just read and educate my colleagues on what