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you know, there are things that affect the land, you know, with having the prairie dogs there. And I wanted to discuss a little bit with that. But I think he's engaged into a discussion. So with that, I will leave him in that discussion, and I'll return the balance of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Howard, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chairman...President, and bodies...and members of the body. I recently read an article in the Omaha World-Herald regarding the Lewis and Clark explorers. And the keelboat, a replica of the keelboat that they traveled in, will be stopping in Nebraska over the summer months. And along with the reenactors on the discovery, for each event they have, will be "Pee Dee the Prairie Dog," from the Nebraska City Lewis and Clark Center. Pee Dee represents the prairie dog and...that the explorers captured in present-day northeastern Nebraska in 1804, and sent to Thomas Jefferson aboard a keelboat. I think it's significant to note that the prairie dog is such a figure of Nebraska, and so recognized as a part of our history and our culture, that it's included in this...the reenactment, the travels of the Lewis and Clark expedition, which is being recognized across our nation. It's not only a Nebraska event. I receive e-mails from people on both coasts, and in between, regarding the Lewis and Clark expedition and how interested they are in this. So having shared that with you, I would like to offer the remainder of my time to Senator Beutler, so that he could continue supplying us with the information that he earlier provided, if he's interested. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Howard. Continuing on FA165. I see no further lights, Senator Chambers. Would you care to close?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Madam President. And despite Senator Stuthman's remarks, I'm going to finish my rhyme. I would like to hear some of what he learned in grade school, to show us all the quality of education in those schools. I remember the little rhyme about little orphan Annie, and I would challenge