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him to state it without crib notes. I don't believe he can. That's a challenge, Senator Stuthman. Not right this minute. On your own time. You have the right to speak your mind, but not on my time. Okay. This is the afterward to this rhyme. And I see "General" Friend has returned. Senator Friend has said from time to time, "Someday I will stand and fight and bleed, but it won't happen on this hill." Wisely spoken, if he meant it, like a general true. Will the bill to make the prairie dogs bleed make him bleed, too? Every drama has its plot, but some have subplots, too. Scarcely can I wait to see what General Friend shall do. Many generals talked a better battle than they fought. Failing to assess all factors carefully as they ought. Thus, to trumpet's fanfare and the shouts of troops around them, to disaster rode they, as the vanquished history found them. General Friend, ah, General Friend. Shall grim history's cogs grind him into mincemeat, or some humble prairie dogs? The Battle of the Prairie Dogs perhaps won't do him in. Though that battle he survives, the war he cannot win. Wonderingly the whole world watches, motionless and still. What shall General Friend do at the Battle of Prairie Dog Hill? Members of the Legislature, this state may have some aspects which other people find to be worthy of coming to see. Many of those features would not be here if the attitude contained in Senator Louden's bill had been followed. Some people might think cranes are bothersome. They're big, they're loud, and they probably are messy. There are some people who would like to give all land to cultivation. Others would like to have it available for grazing. And some people would like to cover it all with asphalt, and build various structures and edifices on it. Those impulses, which a few people entertain, must be resisted by the many. Senator Louden, and nobody else on this floor, would dare to tell us that those foul odors, flies, vermin, and varmints that are attracted to feedlots and these confinement and other pig feeding operations will be confined to the land where the facility is located. To show you how those kinds of people, some of them, are arrogant and would seek to evade the law--and nobody on this floor has offered legislation to bring that in check--one outfit, a huge one, thought that the law restricting what kind of facilities could be built had not taken effect, so...