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\$100,000 to \$25,000?

SENATOR LOUDEN: I...the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee decided that's what they could afford, so I'm taking his word on that's what the state of Nebraska can afford to do right now, so that's why I'm agreeing to it, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Senator Louden, if the state gives nothing, the counties will continue paying whatever amounts they're paying, with whomever they're contracting; is that true?

SENATOR LOUDEN: They probably will on their predator control, but I don't know as they'll be adding any money to the prairie dog management part of it,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR LOUDEN: ...that was mostly to get the management part on prairie dogs.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on the bracket motion. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of bracket motion. Senator Louden, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. I can't support the bracket motion to postpone it until into May. I think the A bill should follow along with the bill as they usually do. I've agreed with Senator Pederson, if that's the amount of money that he feels the state can afford, and that's what's appropriate now. It isn't my first druthers. I would have liked to seen more money involved in that, but I try to be fair about this, and if that's what can be spent or what can be used out of the appropriations, I am willing to go along with that. I really do personally think that we put money out in various other places that were of little value. We've...some places the money will probably show up as something that maybe needed to be done, but again, we've had several task forces and several studies that have come out that have been \$60,000, \$70,000, and the money has been appropriated for that, for...to mostly study the corridors and what should be done for