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that money for that. The \$100,000 that is in this bill was to really go to the animal damage control fund to help with, not only the prairie dogs, but other things, since they're out of money. Twenty-five thousand of that, then, was supposed to be used for the counties, to help them develop a management plan, not to ever go out and control the prairie dogs with that money, but develop a plan that would be in conjunction with the forest service, with the Department of Agriculture, who would be there as more as an advisory group than anybody else. So the \$100,000 is something that's really needed. We are going to introduce an interim study of the animal damage control fund, just to see where they're at, how much they're needed, what we need to put into that to do some things that we think are pretty important. Of course, everything is important--it all takes money, so it becomes a problem. Twenty-five thousand dollars would help counties that would...maybe a couple of counties would go together and develop a plan together. Just the cost of setting up the plan, is what that's used for, not to manage them and such, because that would really be up to the landowner who has allowed the prairie dogs to migrate into some neighboring property. So I guess I would hate to see the \$100,000 go away. I think it's something that is really needed. Maybe the \$25,000 is all we need to have for the prairie dog management program, but...and I know things are tight again this year, even if the funds are coming in more than they have other years. But we need to be very frugal in what we do. So hopefully, that's just a little information to...and not confuse you more. But, thank you. With that, appreciate it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the bracket motion, Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Howard.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, you see how murky the discussion becomes, as the scramble is beginning for this money? You all thought this bill was so important that a cloture vote was warranted. You don't even have any idea what the bill is about or how much money is needed. Senator Loudon is aware of the fact that \$25,000 is not enough. So you all are going to go along with the charade. It's not enough to fund what needs to be done, so what do you