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can be made. I will have plenty of bills I can use to take plenty of time, so you did win the prairie dog battle, the first skirmish. But the fight is not over, and the fight on the A bill is not over, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to take all the time you will allow, but what I said when you were not here--see, I run everybody off this floor. I hit them with that penetrating gaze, and they disappear. But then they might suddenly reappear someplace else. Watch this: Abracadabra! Look to my left. See what I'm talking about? See what I can do? Bam! There he is. If you vote this motion down, I'm going to move to reconsider, and that is a priority motion. Although the A bill comes out here on the floor, I think it ought to go to a committee. I think it ought to go to the Ag Committee, so that the members of that committee will have the opportunity to look at whether or not they think that a bill they sent out here should be shown such disrespect by being accompanied with a mere \$25,000 pittance. There might be a majority of the Ag Committee members in a committee setting who would say, if the body feels that this issue is no more important than that, don't fund it at all. And more than that, since the counties have been making do on this issue anyway, let them continue to do so. And if they come with a petition to the state, let it be to get the state to assume the cost. But do you know what the experts with the state will tell you? Well, nature has a way of leveling these things out. If there are too many prairie dogs this year because there was a drought, then they will be afflicted by disease, since you've killed off the predators, and they will get what Senator Loudon described as bubonic plague in Colorado, and nature will reduce the surplus population in order that the species may survive. Do you know what kills the species? Not Mother Nature. But Mother Nature's hard-headed, cruel children,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...who in going after the buck, will upset and throw out of kilter the ecosystem. "Eekosystem"--so that nobody will confuse that with echo, spelled e-c-h-o. I don't understand Senator Loudon accepting this small amount when he knows it's not going to accomplish anything of significance. Is it another of those symbolic gestures that the ruralies need to