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I'm going to honor the wishes of the "cloturites". But there are some of the "cloturites" that I like a little better than others, and I'm going to treat them differently. I'm able to do that. I want to see Senator Smith get 32 other senators to vote cloture with him, as he gave the 33rd vote to vote cloture on killing the ground...the prairie dogs. I started to call them ground squirrels. They are squirrels. I have to correct something I said this morning that was in error. I held up the t-shirt and said, this is the most delightful family of groundhogs. I was told that's what I said. They are prairie dogs. Not having my glasses on at the time I looked at it, I thought they were carrying long blades of grass. But you know what each one of those little fellows had over the shoulder? A rifle. A rifle, for the purpose of being somewhat able to return the fire of the human beings who like to go out and kill them. I'm sure all of you who hunt have heard that cynical, angry comment from people such as myself, "If the rabbits all had shotguns, you'd have a lot fewer hunters." I wouldn't be opposed to hunting "hunting-human beings." Going out and hunting other "hunting-human beings." Let the hunters hunt each other. They're armed. They like to stalk. Well, let the stalkers become the stalked. Let the hunters become the hunted. Then they don't like that, do they? They don't even like to be hunted on this floor. But they'll hunt helpless little creatures, doing only what nature created them to do. And you all pray up there to the one who created them; then you want to destroy what that one created. Why?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because they're in your way; they're inconvenient. Well, I'm going to be in your way. I'm going to be inconvenient, and some of you would probably like to do to me what you can do to those prairie dogs. Suppose one of you did lose your mind and try to do that? I would regret it, but I really wouldn't be too surprised. Anything could happen in here when you're dealing with a conglomeration of people such as we have here. You don't have to take a psychological or mental exam to be a member of the Legislature. Just be the right age, live in the district long enough, and be outside the penitentiary. And that's...you don't have to read, you don't