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SENATOR SCHROCK:      Mr. President, members of the Legislature, first of all, I commend Senator Chambers for bringing this and talking about all the wonderful things about Amelia Earhart and she was more of my parents' generation. I can remember, growing them up, them talking about her and how the plane wreck was...and she was never found again. But I'm going to oppose this. I don't think it's appropriate subject matter to be part of LR 8CA. But I do have to tell you, Senator Chambers, I have a little furry critter back here and I've not named it and...but it does say it's a baby prairie dog and it makes little funny noises, and I'm not going to do that on...but, you know, you and I can be...now, is that...that's Belevedere? This could be Belevedere Junior, then? But what I do want to ask you...and I don't know of anybody that doesn't like stuffed animals. My grandkids like stuffed animals. I took my granddaughter to the IMAX theater in Hastings this fall and I was coerced into buying her a stuffed animal before we went home and it was a...we went and saw the lions of the...some...it was a movie on lions, African lions, and so...and it was a rather realistic IMAX presentation and there were some things in there that were disturbing the young people because the lions killed and there was an old lion that died. But I just want to ask you, I hope that you don't equate what you're holding there to a real life animal. Do you equate that to a real life animal? Senator Chambers, if you would respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      I don't understand the nature of the question.

SENATOR SCHROCK:      Senator Chambers, that stuffed animal you're holding there, do you equate that as being a real...being similar to a real prairie dog?

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      Well, I think he's exactly similar to a real prairie dog.

SENATOR SCHROCK:      Well, you probably wouldn't be holding a real prairie dog. I would guess you can make a pet out of a prairie dog if you wanted to, but they would take a lot of time and care and effort and they could do some things when you're holding them that you wouldn't maybe be prepared for them to do,