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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Then, in line 19, still on page 1, as you explained it, and I agree with you, and we've kind of discussed this on General File, the state cannot dictate anything to the federal government, so in lines 16 through 20, where we have a definition of "person," in line 19, the federal government is included, and your amendment would strike "the federal"...the words "the federal government" from that definition of "person." Is that correct?

SENATOR LOUDEN: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then, in line 22, you would strike the word "dogs," which appears at the end of line 22, and insert "colonies," so it would...

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yeah, it would insert "dog colonies."

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, so it would read "for the management of black-tailed prairie dog colonies," instead of "the management of black-tailed prairie dogs."

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We're talking about managing the colony. Is that correct?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That's all I will ask you. Members of the Legislature, I'm not going to take this motion to strike to a vote, because I'm able to grasp the meaning of what is done here. And I'm going to have Senator Louden work with me through it. I need to make it clear what my view on this bill is. I am opposed to it. The thrust of it is to create a set of circumstances where a county may pass a resolution to participate in this program, which Senator Louden describes as a management program. I see it as an eradication program. I have some amendments which I will probably offer. But before that, I need to be clear on what we have in the bill. I'm unable to write into my copy of the E & R amendments the language that Senator Louden is offering. So this can get a little difficult