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for me. So after we get through with his amendments, I may then go to the E & R amendments, which have become the bill, and move to strike various sections from the E & R amendments, because they become the bill. I want to defeat this bill. I want to make that clear. Amendments that I would offer might clarify. Some of those issues I raised on General File, Senator Louden has incorporated into his. So while I'm in this opening, I'm going to see if there's anything I need to sign, so that we can continue to roll right along. Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Louden a question or two, if he would respond.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Louden, if this bill does not pass this session, there is not going to be any catastrophe, is there?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Say that again, Senator?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. If this bill does not pass this session, that will not result in a catastrophe to the state. Isn't that true? Or is that true?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, I...okay, when...it depends on what you call catastrophe to the state. There are some people that can probably utilize this better and have a little bit more management and control over some of the animals out in the western part of the state where they are a problem. It is a problem out there. And of course, I've been working with the National Forest Service, and they're working at the same time on their management plan. And this is what I'm trying to do, is coordinate this plan along with theirs.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we can take this step by step. Any person with prairie dogs on his or her property can deal with them in any way he or she chooses, generally speaking. Is that correct?

SENATOR LOUDEN: That's correct, yes.