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SENATOR CHAMBERS: So what this bill does is to make it possible for a landowner with property A to find a way to make the landowner of property B assume the cost of managing the prairie dogs on property A, which will be alleged to have gotten there from property B. Is that true? It's to create a set of circumstances where...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...one landowner can make another landowner liable for the prairie dogs on his or her property. Is that true?

SENATOR LOUDEN: I suppose you could describe it that way. It's highly unlikely. But it's more of a management program on federal and state lands. And of course, there will be instances where people that are...do not control them at all, that they will be spreading over onto someone else's property. That's...I suppose you could describe it that way. That's the rough side of it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, my time is probably up. But my light is on. I'll wait till I'm recognized.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on FA285. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. As we brought this forwards, as we worked on this bill through the course of the session, there's been language that's been found to...probably wasn't quite clarifying. And we wanted to make no mistakes on what we wanted to do with this bill. Wanted it to be a management plan that would be coordinated with the National Forest Service management type plans, and is something that would not be mandatory on counties or any particular people if the counties didn't adopt these plans. It isn't something that we would want to cause any undue hardship in areas that have...don't have any problems with the black-tailed prairie dogs. This is the reason it was brought forward in the manner that I have done it, so that it is an optional program for counties. This way, they have the problems. There's probably