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SENATOR LOUDEN: ...do you want...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We're saying that they came...you're going to say they came from my land onto your land. Since that is what is being said happened, you want to make me responsible for getting those animals off your land. Is that the way the bill works?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Not exactly. I would say it works more that you would be responsible to stop any encroachment of your prairie dogs on your land. That was the idea of the bill, is to stop the encroachment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But...okay, but...

SENATOR LOUDEN: But if they've already left or gone, then that would probably be...they're wild animals, so I suppose the landowner that they're on would have the duty to take care of them on his own land if he wanted them off of there. But as far as any encroachment, why, it would be up to you to stop the encroachment if you didn't want to control them on your own property.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How would you prove that the Chambers prairie dogs came onto Louden land? How would you prove that?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Probably stand out there and watch them run across the fence.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And it would be your word against mine, wouldn't it?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Other than...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You say they did, and I say they didn't.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Other than when you would go ahead and contact the county or whoever the authorities would be to decide the matter.