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they could sell my land, take out their \$1,500 and give me the remainder. Is that the way it would operate?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, the same way, just like a weed district or noxious weeds or even in Omaha where you are, if you have a rat problem, the city comes in and eradicates the rats. They stick it on your property, and you either pay it or they put it on your tax bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And eventually, they...

SENATOR LOUDEN: This isn't anything that's new. This happens all the time in the way our counties and cities are put together. This isn't any kind of new language or any new...anything that came out of Revelations.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, but the new thing, it seems like the punishment and destruction of my poor little prairie dog friends is something that came out of Revelations. But, Senator, the new thing in this bill...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is that the individual property owner is going to be required to control these wild animals, whereas that's not the case without this bill. Isn't that true? So the new thing is to make the property owner liable. Isn't that true that is new?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay. The new thing is to have a management program in place so that these animals aren't running loose all over everybody, and so that there is some control on them and some management of them. That's the new thing. The part in there about having the county have the authority, someone has to have the authority to uphold whatever law or whatever you put into place, and this is the way it's done. It's done on a county/local level, and this seemed to be the simplest way to do it, that there...that's the reason we took out the fine so that there's no prosecution or anything. Instead of having fines and lawyer fees and things like that, the idea was to go ahead and probably do some management with them and pay the bill. I'm