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SENATOR LOUDEN: Now the difference is when people...when they have to be in around people, then you have...you probably raise some problems.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now the prairie dogs have not moved from where they have always been to invade urban areas. People have gone where the prairie dogs were to set up their operations. Isn't that true?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA287, offered by Senator Chambers to the Louden AM1587. Open for discussion. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. turned on my light because I knew that the Speaker wanted to talk with our senior member, and I've actually been waiting for a chance all day to talk about this story that I heard on NPR this morning. I don't know how many of you heard it, but it was pretty shocking to me. It was about a young woman in Alabama who happened to be pregnant, and she was told that she could not graduate with her high school graduation class. And so the young woman went to the graduation ceremony. And when it came time for her name to be called, which wasn't going to be called, she called her name and walked across the stage. And many of her classmates and others cheered and clapped. There's more to the story than that. The young man who impregnated her was also in that graduating class and he walked across the stage and graduated with everybody else. And it is difficult for me to believe, in this day and age, that actually happened. actually was a private school; it wasn't a public school. There was another story that took us back to when this pregnant student actually told her counselors and school that she was pregnant. And it said that she was told by administrators that she could no longer attend classes and would have to complete her studies at home. And the young woman said, "My education is the most important thing to me. The way I receive my education shouldn't change just because I am pregnant, " said Cosby, who informed the administrator's decision on March 24, and has been home schooled since that time. She said, "I've been on the honor roll pretty much through high school, and I have worked