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Prairie dog lesson

It seems to me, in view of all the concerted efforts of our state's elective officers to enact a set of morals for every Nebraskan to live by — especially relative to marriage and reproduction— they could take a lesson from prairie dogs, rather than passing a law requiring the poisoning of entire colonies at the whim of an

unhappy neighbor.

For the record, prairie dogs are strictly heterosexual, don't engage in divorce, don't practice birth control or choose abortion, and otherwise behave better toward their neighbors than do many citizens of our state. Adult males remain with their family living group while the young are being raised, often acting as lookouts to warn of possible danger.

Prairie dogs are highly tolerant of uninvited guests that may not speak prairie dog, such as burrowing owls, and never threaten to send them back to their ancestral Mexico or elsewhere.

In view of all these Christian-like attributes, I would think our senators would aspire to place the industrious and peace-loving prairie dog on our state flag — as a symbol of what we all should emulate, rather than conspire to facilitate killing as many as possible.

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