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you know, I am in the meat processing business. So every fall and winter, we would take the boned out meat from deer, antelope, so on, so forth, and prepare it in sausages and so on. Well, this year, because of the chronic wasting disease, we decided not to do that. My employees were a little bit fearful of handling that boned out meat, because you would have to heat that meat to a temperature of a couple thousand degrees to kill the virus which is known as chronic wasting disease. Now, the likelihood of that being in the animals from this area is a very high percentage. It's...you know, you've got a...like a thousand in one chance of it being in there. Although they have identified a few cases where it was at. That's what's happened over the years, with the deer and the elk. We've got too many of them. And the game farms, I understand, are the reason that some of this has come into existence in this state. The western part of Nebraska, it is more likely that these animals will be affected. But it's come from overpopulation. And if we don't have people who are willing and enjoy the sport of deer hunting, we would have had this earlier. So you know, we need to have more people hunting these deer. And you know, and I've argued that fact with the commission, that we should allow...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...we should allow more harvesting of these animals, not only for the sport of it, but actually for the preservation of those animals in this area. Because if they get a disease, you know what's going to happen, they will eventually...mother nature will take care of that and eliminate those animals. I don't hunt deer. I never have. I was a waterfowl hunter. But now, with conservation with the waterfowl, we're seeing an abundance of them coming back to this state. The Canadian geese, 35 years ago, you very rarely could see any during hunting season. Now they are all over. And that's some of the practices the Game and Parks has been responsible for, is seeing that some of these things come back into existence in this state. So I think Game and Parks is doing a good job.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.