just how many I did get, and one of these days we'll compare
notes. Anyway, to get back to the part of the bill, there's
already a fund to take care of feral swine. It's in the
Department of Agriculture, and it was defunded several years
ago, and the cost of taking care of animal damage has been
shifted down to the counties and cities and landowners now. In
Sheridan County and Sioux County, both, they put up the money.
One puts up $18,000 and the other puts up $10,000 for animal
damage control. In Cherry County, it's mostly the private
landowners that put up the money to have the service come in
and, at the present time, they've been able to get money. They
have an airplane that flies now to control coyotes, and that's
how the project has been working there. As I've stated before,
there are certain areas that they...in eastern Nebraska that
they're working on the European starlings now, some in Grand
Island. And these are addressed through the Animal Damage
Control Fund which is...will also take care of nuisance birds.
This is something that...in the Department of Agriculture, and I
think this is probably where we need to go with this bill. I
would wonder if we really should go into the Game and Parks with
this. I was wondering if Senator Chambers would yield to a
question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, will you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will yield and I will answer.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Senator Chambers, by going into the Game and
Parks with these feral swine, they actually then can be
considered wildlife or wild game. Are you comfortable with
putting them into that category, or should they be considered a
nuisance and a threat to agriculture and stay in the Department
of Agriculture? I was wondering if you really do feel
comfortable with putting them under the jurisdiction of the Game
and Parks?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I do, Senator Louden, because as we draft the
amendment, we can make it clear what we're saying. I don't want
there to be any confusion, and I think we will simplify things.

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