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first, and he may deter me from that course. Senator Louden, would you yield to a question or two, if the President would let us engage in a discussion?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Louden, would you yield to a question from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Louden, in your opening, you had mentioned something about prairie dogs encroaching into various areas where human beings are doing various things to earn a living. Did you make a statement similar to that?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yeah, I guess it would be. I said this is a bill for encroachment of prairie dogs, whether the people are there making a living or whether it's a watershed area or whatever, but...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now, who was there first? And this is not a facetious question. Were the prairie dogs first there, or these people you're trying to protect?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Some places the people were there first. I mean, prairie dogs weren't every four feet all over the United States in the early days. There were prairie colonies then, such as they are now. There were places that there aren't any prairie dogs.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the prairie dogs were there first.

SENATOR LOUDEN: In some places, but some places people were probably there first.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So there were some places in Nebraska where no prairie dogs existed at the time people came there. Is that what you're telling me?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now, in those areas where the prairie