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SENATOR LOUDEN: I don't think they do. I think they set it on the ground and it isn't that high. They've tried various measures. Some of them worked and some of them didn't work.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are these burrowing animals?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Usually.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, burrowing means to pass through underneath the surface of the ground, so if the fence is sitting on top of the ground, how deep would the animal have to burrow to get under that fence?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, not very deep, but usually then when they get outside the fence...and that's where the LB 673 comes in. You've got to keep them from encroaching.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then these fence...

SENATOR LOUDEN: It's up to you. If you don't want them to go outside there then dig it to the center of the world or dig it to China. Wherever you're going, that's up to you. You can dig as deep as you want to, I guess.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, you don't have to dig to China.

SENATOR JENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You'd go all way through the center the earth and come out on the other side, Senator Louden. Let's be reasonable, for heaven's sake.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: By the way, Mediterranean means center of the earth, center of the world. They thought when they named that sea that they were dealing with what constitutes the center of the world. That's what Mediterranean means. But, anyway, to get back to this, how deep would you think a fence would have to be sunk in the earth to deter these animals from burrowing under it? Do you have any idea?