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roaches. When I was growing up, I saw them. But if you don't leave food around, they don't want to be where there's no food. And when you're a bachelor, sometimes there's no food for you around either. In fact, if there were any, they probably held a conclave and said, this guy doesn't know what's going on. Let's get out of here. Because even if he dies, we don't eat him; we'll let those other things that eat carcasses take care of him. So I don't have those. When those cute little lady bugs come in...this sounds like a digression, but it relates to living things. We're going to be on this bill so long, anyway. I have one that I think lived all winter where I live. I'd see it periodically, then I wouldn't. Then I'd see something out of the corner of my eye flying, and I'd look up and there she would be, by the light fixture. And I would just watch for a while, and apparently she was there because there was warmth. Then I would go back to what I was doing. I'd look up and she is gone other whither. But never would I raise my hand or anything else to kill her. If a bee gets in the house, I try to disable it enough for me to catch it, not with my bare hands, because that might have stimulated aggression, and turn it loose. I don't get pleasure out of killing anything. I think it was Blake who wrote: A robin redbreast in a cage puts all Heaven in a rage. I don't want these animals killed for the convenience and enjoyment of human beings. If people have decided to try to conduct some kind of activity on land where prairie dogs already were, or can be expected to locate, that should be a part of their doing business. This is, in effect, an eradication program called by a different name. And they want to put the cost of it on the individual landowner. And the threat that would make that landowner take some action is that we're going to come on your property or send somebody on your property to do something, and we'll destroy everything you got growing, and the law says that if we exercise care in destroying your crops, then you can't get us for trespassing or damage or anything else. So the landowner would say, well, if that's the alternative, I guess I got to do something.

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