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I just wanted to indicate to you quickly that Senator Louden and myself have had a meeting on this, and we're going to try to reconcile several things in the bill, and come to some mutual agreement. And Senator Chambers and anybody who's interested in sitting in on meetings, please let us know, and we'll try to work things out as best we can before Select File. To the extent that the bill is reconcilable in terms of the various philosophies, we're going to make an effort to do that, and try to keep some of it off the floor, anyway. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Thank you, Senator Beutler.      Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      Mr. President, friends all, Senator Beutler's last words struck a chord with me. He said, keep it off the floor if possible. He was referring to the negotiations, the complicated arguing, and so forth. But what I applied those words to was an expression I saw in a movie or a sitcom: blood on the floor. Figuratively speaking, there will be blood on the floor this afternoon. The question is whether it will be the blood of the prairie dogs or the blood of the two-footed predators who want to kill them. And before anybody applies it to an individual in here, scientists brand human beings the most deadly, indiscriminate predators on the face of the earth. When the ecosystem falls out of balance, as is happening in Nebraska--and the problem of prairie dogs will establish it--it's because human beings have intervened and thrown nature's balance out of whack. They're the ones who are religious. They believe God had some kind of plan. But they don't respect God enough to let God's plan stay in effect. They know better. No, they don't know better. They want money. I'd like to ask Senator Louden a question before I proceed, because he has more knowledge on these things than I do. Senator Louden, would you answer a question or two, please?

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

SENATOR LOUDEN:      Yes, of course.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      Senator Louden, are cattle indigenous to