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Nebraska? Or were they brought here, bred here, and introduced to Nebraska and this region of the country?

SENATOR LOUDEN: No, they were brought here from various areas. Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And when you introduce a new species, especially one that consumes a lot of the native vegetation, that can throw the ecosystem out of balance. Is that true or false?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Now, it depends on what you're talking about. If you're talking about the Nebraska Sandhills, that I'm familiar with and where I live, there's more grass in the Nebraska Sandhills now, after it was "populized" by homesteaders came in, than there was at the time when the homesteaders first came. And I can verify that, because my parents were both homesteaders, came in there in the early days, and told how much there was nothing but strictly sand.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Were you born when your parents first became homesteaders? In other words, did they bring you here? Or you were born later?

SENATOR LOUDEN: I was born later. I'm the youngest of the family.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you don't know what was going on before you were born, do you?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Other than I'd certainly take the word of my mother. (Laughter)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm not going into that. Good Lord. That's very dangerous territory, on which even I don't tread, and I'm not afraid of anything ordinarily. Senator, that's all I will ask you. Thank you. Because you answered the question that I needed. Cattle come here because they were brought. And some of the dispute over prairie dogs is that they eat grass. They were eating grass before cattle came here. If the cattle were not here, and if there was not such a poor job of husbanding the