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SENATOR STUHR: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When all other things seemed to be failing, Senator LeRoy Loudon was there, and now he crushes me. I offered an amendment that I was sure he could accept, something that would bring him and me together on his bill. I didn't try to use trickery. I used the language that Senator Loudon had been using. If I cannot arrive at an accord with one of my colleagues by putting into an amendment the words that my colleague spoke, I don't know how I can reach an accord. This is not something I manufactured. This comes from Senator Loudon. I expect him to stand up and explain this situation so that I can understand it. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Loudon, you are next.

SENATOR LOUDON: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body and Senator Chambers, of course. Senator Chambers has been talking about honor, I guess, worrying about that someone isn't standing up to their word and that sort of thing. And of course things like that, sometimes where I come from, you take it rather personal, but down here in this Chamber I guess you shouldn't take it personal. So, anyway, when I've ask him, he's complained about what is happening to the landowners out there and how unfair it would be if they had to pay for their prairie dog control, so that's when I decide to find out what he does in his own home district or what happens to those people down there. And as we look through that I found out that the city of Omaha, for instance, and of course Lincoln and some of these other larger cities, I suppose they all do about the same thing, but they're a lot more vicious than we ever thought to be on our landowners out there with prairie dogs. At least we give them a chance to manage them and keep them around and regulate them. The city of Omaha, down here, if you don't take care of your rats on your property, you get fined \$500 and a jail sentence of six months, and then each day of that violation is a new separate offense. So they're a lot tougher than...when you put somebody in jail, that doesn't help them get to work very well. And, of course, 500 bucks a day and get sent to jail every day is something that's way more severe than what we are doing with