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wanted the cattle to eat all of the vegetation and not leave any
for those animals which could not turn a profit. So we wind up
here today with a bill from Senator Louden who represents the
terminators of this planet, and he wants to find a way to
eradicate these little animals because they live in accord with
their nature. They are not doing anything nature did not intend
them to do. If there is a lack of harmony, it's because of what
human beings have done, are doing and want to do. So my job is
to restore, to a degree, the balance that people who teach some
kind of design--I forget what they call it--but there's supposed
to be some intelligence behind everything that exists here, but
it seems to have gone on vacation when human beings enter the
picture. Well, I want to inject some intelligent design and
concern for one group of nature's creatures. My job is to stop
Senator Louden and his terminators from killing off these little
prairie dogs, and that's what all of my efforts are devoted to
this evening. And in the process, I want to show that a system
has been set up which flies in the face of how things of this
nature ought to be done. We are dealing with wild animals.
From the common law up to the present, wild animals are deemed
to belong to the king or to the state. Senator Louden and his
ilk want to make individual landowners responsible to carry out
the responsibilities of the state, and I'm not willing to have
that done, so Senator Louden and I are going to have to engage
in some additional discussion. Senator Louden, I would like to
ask you a question or two now, if I have some time remaining.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Louden, would you respond?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you hear some of what I said, Senator
Louden?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, I think so. Yeah, I was listening.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR LOUDEN: I...yeah, you were, you know, concerned about
the environmentalists.