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PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 473 passes. We turn now to Item 6 on the agenda, Final Reading and LB 391E.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, with respect to LB 391, Senator Pedersen would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. That amendment is found on page 2034.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Pedersen to open on his motion.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this bill passed so fast the last time through that I didn't have a chance to get back here and talk about it so I filed this motion to bring it back. Back in January, most of you will remember, there was some controversy and some talk about not being able to find land in Omaha for the new secure confinement facility which we authorized June 9, '88. And, at that time, the newspaper was stating that one of the reasons that they couldn't find something in Omaha is the cheapest they could find was one and a half million dollars. The same day that I read that newspaper I called a realtor friend of mine, who has been in the real estate business for a long time, and asked him to quickly look up what that kind of land...what kind of land was available in Omaha. Nothing comprehensive, by any means. And within an hour's time he called back and said, I can think...we found five properties just in the last hour, with the most expensive being \$595,000. Now, people, this was a realty company that was in the business for doing money, making money, and this was without negotiation. A couple things I'll bring up with this motion. One is, we need to start taking a serious look at privatization. Now I'm not introducing any privatization with this motion but we need to take a look at that because people in business would be making some deals and they would find this kind of land. Specifically, this motion does say to bring it back for an amendment that would cut the price in half that we now have in 391 for the...to secure the property for this secure confinement facility. LB 391 now has in it \$1,200,000. My amendment would cut that to \$600,000 which is money I know we could save. There's been a lot of talk about having this facility in Omaha and I was one who supported that at the time, but if we can't find it in Omaha, maybe we could find it in a locality close to Omaha. For instance, at Mead, Nebraska we've got all kinds of land out there that the