

university uses. We could take a piece of land from them that wouldn't cost us a cent and build it there and that would be within a half hour drive of anybody in Omaha that wanted to go visit, or law enforcement to deliver or pick up, or anything like that. I think this is a real, real thing that can happen and I think we need to take a look at that. By just plain giving \$1.2 million to find the land, I think it's a little ridiculous. Any of you who have done any kind of real estate transactions at all, I think this is giving an open hand. And I know one of the things they mentioned, this also means the development of the land for this place. That's different to me. That's strange, in my book, because the development of land usually goes with the building of the facility. They aren't building this on the side of a mountain that they have to move. So what is the development of land going to cost? I'm going to leave this up there and see if there's any...if it generates any dialogue at all and if it looks like it doesn't have a chance, I'll take it off, but I really think this is one place where we can save some money. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, a question of Senator Pedersen, if he would respond, please.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Pedersen, in your mind, since you've spent some time looking at this, is there any reason we should be appropriating any amount of money...

SENATOR PEDERSEN: For the land?

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...for the land acquisition for the correction center?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Well, if we can use state land and we can have the votes in this body to change it to move it outside of Omaha into property that the state already has, you are correct. No, there would be no reason.