

SENATOR COORDSEN: And if we reduce this to zero this morning and it was found within the period of time available for land acquisition that zero cost land wasn't available, could not they come back and ask for money for whatever that cost might be, whether it's a hundred or the 595, or whatever?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: I...I agree. I agree. I think that could happen, yes.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam Speaker, members, I think Senator Pedersen wants to discuss this and I know there's some ongoing discussion on this. The only thing I would say on this, if this was taken...if this was left in, first of all, there's site preparation in addition to the site selection, and also, to my understanding, this money would not be spent if it wasn't needed. We have an estimate in there at this point for the...which is a reaffirmation of previous commitment to build the center, this money is in there to be sure there is adequate money for site selection. I mean, if you want to go over the issue of whether we need it or not or where it ought to go, I think there's going to be an ongoing discussion about that, based on some conversation I just had yesterday and I haven't heard a confirmation of that as to where it might go. Bu' the point really is the money will not be spent if it isn't needed for the site as you're talking about. And we will have...still have control when this finally comes to bid as to whether...what the amount may be because we run a risk of overrunning the estimate as well as not...as well as underestimating the bid. So I'm fairly confident we will not spend more money than we have to. That money is the estimate in there at this point and I guess, at this point, I feel comfortable with that. That's...don't know whether that answers your concerns but that's my thoughts on it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, I had waived off the first time because I