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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President and members, just a couple questions for different people. Senator Wehrbein, would you respond to a question, please.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam Speaker.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Senator Wehrbein, did they give you any idea what they meant by site preparation?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, I have something, grading utility streets and parking has a tentative estimate as 450,000.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: And that's not part of the construction. That's...the construction will only be the building then.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's right.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: The next question is, do you think...don't they usually spend the money if we give it to them?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, not in this case, and I will tell you I have some new information. There is...the only site at this point, which is not confirmed by letter, in Omaha is a 3 million dollar site.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: So this would help assure that that we wouldn't be able to afford that site.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's true.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Who made...who made this decision that there's only a 3 million dollar site? When I have from a realtor who has been in the business for a long time, N.P. Dodge Company said they...just in a quick search, that the most expensive land they could find was quite a bit below that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: My information is that this is the only site acceptable to the City of Omaha, which I do not have in writing, trying to get a letter since yesterday, Friday. It's been awkward for me to move around here when we're locked in, but since yesterday, Friday, there's not been the letter that was