

supposed to have been confirming that the only site acceptable to the City of Omaha is a site near the present Omaha Correction Center on East Omaha, presently valued at \$3 million. It's uncertain as to whether that would be donated to this issue, whether the state was to pay for it or where the status is, and whether it will be set...the other issue, obviously, is whether that will be satisfactory to all and whether they're going to have to continue to pursue another site which is maybe outside of the Omaha, which is another complete issue beyond this one that you're talking about.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: My guess is we've got somebody else who wants to cut taxes but comes back and says government's got deep pockets, is what I see in this. This isn't against anything you have said, Senator Wehrbein, but it's, you know, we've got some land out there available, we're going to build a facility on it, now the government has got deep pockets so let's make some bucks. This amendment, I believe, gives us a chance to cut that down and maybe we won't be able to build it in the City of Omaha. And some of my constituents live in Omaha and I have really come to the point where I don't know that we want these young people that close to the other young people that are maybe in trouble anyway, that we might be safer for those that are incarcerated and those that are not incarcerated that are friends by moving them a couple miles out of town. I still believe that this is too much money. Senator Bromm, could you respond to a question, please.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Yes, Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: The reason I ask for you to respond is I want to ask you a question if you know anything about the price of property in your part of the state, your district. What would some farmland, ranch land sell for in that area?

SENATOR BROMM: Well, in the area that you're interested in which would be, you know, the closest part of the area to Omaha, you know, the tops that I've heard of would be \$3,000 an acre which would be for prime ground for development purposes. But I'm talking about land that would be separate from a town, that would be laying out a couple three miles.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: You can buy quite a few acres for...