

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: ...I would think, for \$600,000 then.

SENATOR BROMM: The area which you have alluded to at the university is that kind of ground that would be, you know,...

SENATOR PEDERSEN: And that would be free land. If we went to the university, I don't know exactly if we can do that, but, Senator Bernard-Stevens, I know has his light on, maybe he can answer that question if I run out of time. But can we, as a Legislature, go in and ask the university to give that kind of land up to build this kind of facility, which would save us everything except what they have in there, in that site preparation which I still have some problems with too. Thank you.

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

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. I have been listening intently to the discussion and, obviously, because we are concerned about dollars. I'm not going to get caught up in this dialogue right now because I think that Senator Wehrbein has some information that needs to be given to the body, so I'm going to turn my time over to Senator Wehrbein.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. I do have some update of some information that Senator Pedersen is asking for. The site that I'm discussing is in east Omaha near the present Omaha Correctional Center. It's a proposed 3 million dollar acquisition cost; earth work of 150,000; site utilities of 25,000 and contingency work is noted at 500,000, and that's the 3 million. Now that is in a flood plain. Whether it will be desirable or not is the big question, and I assume that we've got some ongoing discussion about if this is not acceptable, where to go then. I don't know whether you intended to open up the hornet's nest on this, but it is open. That is part of the issue that's just come to the attention here in the last couple days, Senator Pedersen, that I've been aware of. By the way, it is 25 acres, so even at \$30,000 an acre, which is...maybe a site in Omaha is 750,000, it does take quite a few acres. As you well know, it's an issue in Omaha of where it should be located,