

the safety of the neighborhoods, that...we've had that discussion in Appropriations as long ago as six weeks ago as to where it would be located. Desirable sites are not acceptable to residents. Undesirable sites...desir...there are sites that are acceptable to people in general are undesirable as far as site location, so it is an ongoing issue. This just came to my attention yesterday, what I mentioned to you about. As I say, we do not have it confirmed by letter but there was supposed to be a letter sent by yesterday noon. Now that's the way we have it, and if you want to go back to the money issue, which you've raised, apparently the \$3 million is a fact the extent to which I don't know how much the state would have to put in and whether there would be...I don't want to imply there's a donation or I don't know that, and that's what we're waiting for. But that is part of this issue in terms of dollars that I do know about.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Witek, followed by Senators Wehrbein, Coordsen, Bernard-Stevens, Chambers, Pedersen, Hillman and Maurstad.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman and members of the body, it seems that we're having the same discussion that we had, I believe it was last year, when Senator Chambers made the amendment to move the site to the Omaha area and a lot of the Omaha senators who have yet to speak brought up a lot of good reasons why this site should be in Omaha because of the close proximity to probably a lot of individuals who will be in this facility, so, since we do have the largest population area in the state. As an Omaha senator, I want to stand up and reaffirm that we do want the facility in Omaha. I'm...I understand there have been some problems with site selection and I can't understand it either, Senator Pedersen. There seems to me plenty of areas in Omaha where something like this would be possible at lower cost, just like you say as far as your amendment. I guess I'm willing to keep the money where it is now, knowing that, hopefully, an individual or the group that's working on this will only use the monies that are absolutely necessary for site selection and...and preparing the site for the facility. But if it's less than a million dollars, that...that would be great. And if we can put the money back into the General Fund, that's fine with me too. I'm not sure we should be...I guess I would be more comfortable, as Senator Coordsen said, having them find a site and then coming back to the Legislature with how much the costs are. But I understand that would probably take a period of time since we won't be back in session till next January, and that