

would be difficult to do, and I would like to have the facility built as soon as possible. But I just. . . I know that there's a lot of senators on the floor from other areas of Nebraska who are more than willing to take this facility in their area and I just wanted to reaffirm, as an Omaha senator, that we do want the facility in Omaha. There were a lot of good reasons for that vote last year that placed the facility in Omaha and I'm sure if the site committee would work maybe just a little more with...and I'm not sure if they're already doing so, but I have talked to several of our county commissioners that have yet to hear from them, if they would work maybe a little more with the City of Omaha with the idea that they're actually supposed to have the site in Omaha, maybe we would get this done a little faster. So I hope that this discussion today get back to those individuals who are trying to find a site in Omaha, and I certainly don't want to spend \$3 million on the site. I think we can do better than that in the City of Omaha, but I do want to say that we want the site and I hope that they will work just a little bit harder knowing that the site is definitely going to be in Omaha and work just a little harder to start on this site and this facility. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Wehrbein, your light is on.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'll yield my time to Senator Bernard-Stevens.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Just a couple of comments, just for...I guess, for the record, we've gotten on a topic and I suspect the amendment is not going to pass and I hope it doesn't. But I do want to put some things on the record that Senator Witek and others were talking about. Yes, we did decide that we're going to have it, as a body, we're going to put it in Omaha because that's where the majority of the children would be from because, obviously, they have the more numbers. But, and I say but, the information that was given to us as of a few days ago was that Mayor Daub was only going to put forward one site and one site only and it's a site next to the airport that they've already put in apparently \$3 million of some type of capital improvements and so they want to get certainly their investment back. That's not what this game is all about. My...if I remember right, that's even in a