

flood plain. I don't even think that's going to work, period. So if Mayor Daub and others, if that's all they can come up with, then as far as I'm concerned they are saying they don't want the site, or they just don't want to work hard enough to find a site. Now I understand it's the State of Nebraska's job to find the site, but we have gone through the City of Omaha. We've gone through the County Board of Omaha. We've gone through the Chamber of Commerce at Omaha. We've gone through everybody we can think of in Omaha to try to help find a site and there hasn't been anything but a flood plain worth \$3 million. That's nuts! That's crazy! And if they can't come up with that, my attitude is, keep it at 1.2 million for the land acquisition, send the message, that's about what we're willing to pay. You're not going to get \$3 million from us, it's not going to work in the flood plain; either get serious or the amendment that I will offer on the crime bill will be to say, in or near Omaha. But to mess around and screw around like this on site selection, on something that we need to have built, is crazy. And we're going to end up delaying this thing for another year or year and a half because we haven't been able to find a site. And so if anything on the record, if anyone in Omaha is listening, come up with a site if you can. We're willing to look at any site but that which have been presented so far have not been doable. One is in the middle of a residential area, another is in a flood plain, and another one was half outside of Omaha, and that's been the extent of it. And I would also go ahead and say that it was only after we pushed and pushed and pushed that we even got those three suggestions. My sense is, from being on the outside, that Omaha really doesn't want it. Omaha senators may want it but my sense is those within the powers that be in Omaha do not want that secure facility. I do know there are people throughout the entire state that would love to have the secure facility, that would put it in with their juvenile programs they have now, and we can do it a lot cheaper than \$3 million. So if we don't get anything firm in the next few days or so, I will have the amendment to put it in or near Omaha on 391 and, hopefully, we'll get the amendment up high enough where it will be considered. But we need to get this taken care of. I do oppose the Pedersen amendment. We do need to have the full funds available so that we can take advantage of the acquisition and development when and if we ever get the site selected.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Coordsen.