

job done. And if it takes you and I or whomever, Senator Pedersen, or whomever, to go out and find the site, I'm willing to do so. I'm trying to send a message today to whomever, the administration, the Department of Corrections, people in Omaha, get the damn site selected, find us the spot. We'll do the rest but you've got to get it...you've got to help us make it happen. So I hope I made myself very clear. I want it in Omaha but if it can't be there because there's no site apparently that can be done, I'm willing to move it elsewhere. I'm dangling the hope that they can still do it because that's where it should be. So I hope somebody gets it done if even you and I have to go do it for them.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Crosby would like to recognize the doctor of the day today. Dr. Jeff Johnson, of Lincoln, is here serving as the family doctor of the day on behalf of the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Johnson is under the north balcony. And Senator Fisher would like to announce that there are 55 fourth graders here from Gates Elementary in Grand Island and their sponsors. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, the only reason I'm speaking is to respond to what Senator Bernard-Stevens said. I can...I can understand why they might think there is a problem in Omaha. We're not looking for a dam site, Senator Bernard-Stevens, we're looking for a site to build a facility. But, at any rate, neither Senator Bernard-Stevens nor I, individually, nor should we together, become a site selection committee. We have put in statute a responsibility, and, Senator Bernard-Stevens, I will work to see that those whose job it is to do this actually do their job. And I know what you were saying for emphasis but I'm not going to do their job for them. And if they don't do it, there has got to be a price to pay and this fits again with what I speak of so often these last few days about the Legislature as an institution. There is no other state in the Union where the Legislature would give a directive and state people are going to disregard it. They would know there's a price to pay. Their budgets would be cut. The complement of employees would be cut, and if the officials came crying, they would be told, you made your bed, sleep in it, we mean what we say and we're going to use the means at our disposal to be sure that the directives we give are carried out. Now there's only so much Harold Clarke can do as the Director of Corrections because he works for the