

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, the state has the power of eminent domain, and money would have to be exchanged and it would be passed in exchange for the land. But land can be condemned for a public purpose. So a lot of times, and you know this being involved in economic development, as you are, that land is also procured from an unwilling seller by means of eminent domain. There would have to be a purchase, but the purchaser does not have to be willing.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay, keeping in mind that that purchase price will be General Funds, whatever that amounts to, we will have to do that, which could be in much more excess than \$1.2 million, right? I mean it could be much more because the land that we may want, even though the state wants to take it over, you still have to be able to provide a fair price to those people, isn't that correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You're absolutely correct, but what happens when you get into this kind of situation where the state is going to exercise its power of eminent domain, you cut away a lot of the puffing and the fluffing that is put in these prices when it is supposed to be a situation of trying to find a willing seller. But I'm not in a position to tell you what the ultimate price would be.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay, and the other thing, I guess, that I would like to stress is that, believe me, we are not looking to bid or put this particular facility or anything else in western Nebraska, but to be able to at least relax a little bit the placement of it in saying within a three county area of Douglas County, or something like that, could be very beneficial in where it would be located, not only pricewise, but I think in a lot of areas if we are looking at perhaps more space, more ground, or whatever it is that we need, and, Senator Chambers, your argument that it needs to be there because of its proximity to families, I will tell you that in western Nebraska, all correctional, state correctional institutions are located in the eastern part of Nebraska. We have gone to the Department of Corrections, to the Governor's Office, and other places, over and over looking at community-based correctional facilities. We have to travel those distances, and, believe me, it doesn't happen with a lot of families in our area. There is no contact, none, and we will have some people in that institution. Not as many, probably, as Omaha, looking at the population distribution across the state, and, hopefully, we wouldn't have any, but we