

going to have the first secure facility in the area where the programs were because it needed to be successful. If you believe in the wildest imagination that if we have a great site at Cozad or North Platte, I'll use my community who would dearly love to have this too and I said no, because if you believe that you can have the prison, the secure facility and you can also miraculously the programs are going to be there, it isn't going to happen because we haven't developed that part yet. This is a ten-year program of 988. We are just getting started. The facility needs to be in Omaha or that county near...Douglas County. They will have a site. I'm frustrated at the process, but I'm convinced it will happen and we need to let it happen so it can be built. And I would strongly urge the body that I know it's hard to change our vote after we've done it, I would urge the body to reconsider, to look at it, to search down deep in their hearts, ask, should we follow what we did a year ago and continue so that we can continue the program to get this thing started, or are we going to continue to mire juveniles in political give-and-take on who gets what. And the question I leave you with, we've always asked the question, whose kid is this anyway? And you know what, we're still asking the questions because no one, when Senator Cudaback was talking on his side, talked about the kid, talked about the child, they talked about brick and mortar and having a chance for economic development.

PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. On the motion to reconsider the Cudaback amendment, Senator Bernard-Stevens, your light is next. Senator Chambers, do you wish to speak to the motion to reconsider?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'm going to touch on one issue. I am offended, because, remember, your friends sent me the letters, they sent them to me, they faxed them to me so I know they're saying we're going to change this for reasons of economic development. I want to make it clear why I'm offended, in case any of you missed it. And I don't care what you do, it's in you all's hands, it's you all's to do what you please, and you do other things that you please. I don't care whether you reconsider or not. And I'm going to go down in my office to be with my people and you all can handle your business anyway you want to. But the rest of the session is mine.