

SENATOR PIRSCH: I'm not sure that...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, Senator Pirsch, if this amendment...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is adopted, expanding the area where this facility can be placed to anywhere within Douglas County, would you still be of a mind to help bring pressure to bear to see that the state officials whose job it is to find a site actually get busy and do so?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes, Senator Chambers, and we talked about this the last time we discussed this bill, and I agree with you, I think it should be within metropolitan Omaha. And to dissipate or to alleviate...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...the cost, I guess, is why this is being amended. But, you're right, it is a state responsibility and I know there is property in the City of Omaha that would be exactly right and should not be that expensive and I really resent the fact that that has not happened a long time ago.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, as Senator Bernard-Stevens said, just because somebody asks an exorbitant price doesn't mean we have to pay it.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Exactly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And we still should, as a state, do some checking on our own.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes. Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, my time, I guess, is up on that.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President and members, I guess we talked about this the other evening quite...for several hours, I guess we should say, and I guess I was the so-called loser in that debate. And I just want to point out the fact that I never