

with, but not punishing harshly these white people who manufacture crack, who possess crack, who sell it, and who use it. Different strokes for different folks and this is the perfect bill to talk about it on, and these amendments that are being offered are perfect and I will have amendments of my own. So with that, my time is probably out. I'll turn my light on again. Maybe I'll get to speak on this amendment before they call the question, maybe not. But I'm going to have my own amendments up there to assure that I can discuss this very important issue.

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

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. First, I'd just like to express my appreciation to the Appropriations Committee for the time that they have spent on this issue of overcrowding in our prisons. I think most people today do feel that we need to get tough on crime, but I think the public must realize that it does carry a price tag. I have a question that I'd like to address to Senator Wehrbein...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR STUHR: ...dealing with line 34.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR STUHR: And that is the additional, and that's what I'm not quite understanding, the additional \$630,000. Is that above the amount that was appropriated for this facility in Omaha?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, it is.

SENATOR STUHR: Could you explain that a little to me? I know last session we had some discussion about placing that facility outside of Omaha.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR STUHR: And so what are we talking about this additional cost of over half a million?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: This...originally we had in the budget 1.2 million for site preparation and selection. And originally