

I think the price tag where we are located in Omaha now was as high as \$5 million as a guesstimate, and I want to emphasize that was a guesstimate. That was negotiated down to, with the city of Omaha and others involved, so that the tag was down to about 1.8 million. And so this was then, this \$630,000 is above the 1.2 million that we originally appropriated. So there was intense negotiation by all parties. This feeling was that \$1,830,000 in this case was the cost to keep it in east Omaha near the airport where our present correctional facility is...even...it turned out to be more expensive, of course. Other sites were not as expensive but because of various zoning issues, neighborhood problems and so forth we ended up coming back to this site or the Department of Corrections did in negotiating this figure so we ended up having to add \$630,000. The committee took this into account. There were several meetings last year, by the way, during the off session discussing this issue and ultimately we decided on spending this money because there was no other source or site and time was getting away. This has been delayed nearly a year now.

SENATOR STUHR: Right. Okay, thank you very much. I just have one suggestion and this is that in the long-term plans if we do consider building a permanent facility that I hope that there might be some consideration of building that in outstate Nebraska instead of just Lincoln and Omaha. That's just a comment that I'd like to have on the record. I believe that we're going to continue to need to give this issue more consideration. I do feel that we need a long-term plan, and I've been very interested in the debate and I'll continue to listen. Thank you.

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

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Excuse me, I'll pass for now.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, in response to some of the issues that Senator Chambers raised in terms of our willingness to invest in individuals before they are involved in the heavy level of incarceration that we're talking about addressing with this, the Appropriations Committee did put \$2.5 million into community-based and Office of Juvenile