

were ashamed because the person had some mental disability. When people were put in these institutions and tortured, they were deemed to be occupied and possessed by demons, and the demons were to be tortured out of them through burning and beating, and we talk about how terrible that was. We cannot go back to that kind of activity now. I know my time is up so I won't make you call me, but I'll turn on my light.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Madam Chair and members of the body, I just have a few comments to make as far as Senator Stuhr and Senator Wesely. It's my understanding that this facility would free up 190 beds. Another thing is as far as what we're planning to do now, is explore the possibility of acquiring this property because it's my understanding that the state of Nebraska does have right of first refusal, so if we do not have some kind of a guidance for the agencies to check out these possibilities, it's something might lose. And I agree with doctor...Senator Wesely, not Dr. Wesely...Senator Wesely that the \$4.-some million dollars it's appraised at is much too high. But whatever the price is that could be negotiated, the state does have right of first refusal. So with that, I would like to turn over the rest of my time to Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Lindsay, you have about four minutes, a little over four minutes.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President. I would just...I did get some of the figures. As I mentioned, it's a ball park, and the initial thought is somewhere between \$900,000 and \$1.5 million. The second question I think that I said would look for some information on is number of beds, and it's likely somewhere around 150 versus the 80 that are in operation at Air Park. One of the...one of the possibilities for the facility would be to operate it for the chemical dependency...or the chemical treatment center, allowing Air Park to be utilized for other purposes such as community-based corrections, so the idea being that if this property can be acquired at a reasonable price, it's something that may be in the state's best interest. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Pedersen.