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SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. Well, those are things that you know that I'm not fully conscious of, and I appreciate your bringing us up-to-date on that. And we'll be looking forward to as this thing moves ahead for your...I thank you for your information. And with that, I'll turn my time back. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. Senator Preister, I believe that the location where the veterans' home is in Omaha right now is probably the best location you could possibly get, and it's my understanding that Douglas County owns that property. Is that correct?

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Preister, would you respond?

SENATOR PREISTER: Yes, I will. Senator Janssen, the current Thomas Fitzgerald Veterans' Home is sitting on land that is owned by the Douglas County, and that originally was the county poor farm. It's been around for a long time. The building is extremely old, the roof has problems and because it's a slate roof. That's only one of the many things that has to be repaired. The county owns it and the state leases it for \$1 a year. And so if we are no longer...and that lease is up in 2005. That's another reason we have to make some decisions about what we do with that facility or another facility. So we don't own the land. We lease it from the county, you're correct.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Now it seems to me, Senator Preister, that there is a considerable amount of land there. Have you ever given thought or the task force you're on ever given the thought of building a new one on that existing property? I know the location is...would be...it would be outside the hundred miles from Norfolk and I think that, you know, it would be appropriate to have that facility on that property. Going by there, it looks to me like there is enough room to construct a new facility on that property and you would be in close proximity to the old one. Moving the patients there into the new facility