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a very good location. Anyway, thank you, and those are just my opinions, Senator Preister, and I believe they are warranted.

SENATOR PREISTER:      And, Senator, if I could just respond, I agree they're warranted. I agree that we need to look at everything. A Hundred and Fifty-Fifth and Maple, and that's where the current site is, does have some advantages. I really don't think the current VA Hospital is going to move and so I don't think that's as much of a factor, but also...

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN:      Time has expired.

SENATOR JANSSEN:      Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN:      Thank you, Senator Janssen.      Chair recognizes Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:      Thank you, Mr. President, members. I have about three things now to talk about. First of all, I go back to the question of Senator Raikes, the \$900,000 operating costs. That's based on a 150-bed unit. I've got quite a depth analysis of a 150-bed unit, which has now been scaled back to 100, which is approximately what we have up there now at Fitzgerald. And so that probably is a third too high at this point. I can't get any more detailed than that. These are a lot of the preliminary figures for the out years once we start construction. The other thing is there would be a savings of \$75,000, estimated, in maintenance annually besides that. But what I wanted to make the point as we analyze this Fitzgerald Home and its replacement is that you have to get on a list at the federal level to do this. You can't simply say we are going to do that. They want commitment of funds. And so in order to get on the waiting list, it used to be you had to wait quite awhile. Now if you commit those funds you can get a fairly active or aggressive schedule if the funds are allocated. And I'm just...I'm just going to say the best estimates now. The administration put this together based...they worked with the task force, and so this was a scale back to try to accommodate some reasonable amount of funds that we could go ahead and make our commitment. If you recall, the lease at Fitzgerald runs out in 2005 and, if any of you have been there, it is certainly less than adequate.