

completion of a secure youth prison. There has been some difficulty finding any space, finding a site in Omaha. Let me back up. 988 required that the site in a metropolitan area, in a metropolitan city which, obviously, would be in Omaha. There's been difficulty finding that site. The last or the site that has been proposed has been proposed at a cost of a million and a half dollars plus about \$800,000 for site development. So it points to about between 2.2 and 2.3 million which is well in excess of what has been planned or appropriated for that phase of the project, has driven up the cost enormously. What this proposal would do is simply to instead of requiring in the metropolitan city, just in a county having a city of the metropolitan class. It still would keep in compliance with the intent of that legislation which was to put the prison at a site near the place where most of the prisoners will be coming from, close to their families. This would still allow that because it would still allow that development within the county but will...would believe and the administration will believe, believes that it will drive down the cost of the facility and ultimately save us quite a few dollars. So with that I'd be happy to try to answer any questions. Would urge the adoption of this portion of the amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS PRESIDING

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: You've heard the opening on this portion of the amendment. We have an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Cudaback would move to amend. (FA302 appears on page 2534 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Cudaback, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. President, members, this is a rather simple amendment. Actually what it is does, it was handed out to you. It actually replaces an amendment I filed earlier, 2467, and I replaced it with this one that I just made up. And what it does, it strikes on line 21, you put a period after the word "confinement" and it strikes "in a county containing a city of the metropolitan class." And on page 2, you put a period, on line 25, put a period after the word "program" and strike "shall be established in a county containing a city of the metropolitan class." Like I say it's a rather simple amendment. All it does is take out the stipulation, takes out a stipulation that says