

their productivity. We gain from that, only the taxpayer. We certainly aren't doing it in salaries. We certainly aren't doing it in fringe benefits. So we can use every possibility we can at probably no extra expense to enhance that productivity. I was also impressed by the testimony of the architects.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR DWORAK: Granted, Senator Nichol says they can do it anyway, but when they are sometimes pressed under a competitive bid situation, it is very easy for them to overlook the possibility and advantages, long term advantages, intangible advantages, that artwork would have. So I think all this does is merely make people aware. I think it is a good law on the statutes and a good law on the books as it is written right now. It has worked and it has created no great problem.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up.

SENATOR DWORAK: I think it would be a mistake at this time to go backward.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we go on, may I indicate that two, four, six, eight, ten, twelve, there are thirteen lights on. The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the current legislation was an important step when it was adopted. It is a reasonable piece of legislation. It currently exempts a number of construction projects. Included in this list would be garages, repair shops, warehouses and other buildings of a similar nature. The law only relates to public buildings or those used by or open to the public as guests or business invitees. This does not apply to small projects. It only applies if the new construction is over a half a million dollars or if the renovations are over a quarter of a million dollars and I would like to have you be aware that the one percent only applies to the project in excess of the above dollars. For example, let's assume it is a major remodeling project, a renovation cost of two and a half million dollars. You would exempt immediately the first \$250,000. You would remove the dollars used for site work, remove the dollars used for planning so that you actually are not spending one percent for artwork but only point eight five percent,