

over this issue and to bring this bill out of the committee and discuss it on the floor for the many hours that it will, in fact, take to do that because there is, in fact, a great interest in this bill as the Speaker can tell you from the number of lights that are on. I would like to deal with a couple of issues, however, that have been misspoke or misunderstood. Senator Nichol, as we privately discussed, the penitentiary in Omaha would not be considered a public building. It wasn't the first time you raised that three years ago. It is not now. It would not require one percent for the arts. These are buildings that are opened up to the public, as Senator Marsh so eloquently said. One percent is not a great amount of money and the one percent is only for one simple purpose, that is, to have the architect and the designers and the planners of such a building to consider and assess and evaluate what things might qualify. If you plan, if you plan and develop a building with this in mind, you don't spend the money on paintings. You spend the money on things like this Legislature or the people of the state spent in the 1920s when they built this building. The marble pillars would qualify. The woodwork that we have here in this Chamber would qualify. The very ornate architecture that is developed for the Speaker and for the head of this Chamber would qualify. All these factors would qualify if you plan for one percent for the arts, a very minor point. Now let me say this, that we have also interpreted the law as a \$500,000 deduction. Now we are not talking about a massive amount of money and we are not talking about small buildings. We are talking about some planning, some consideration from the beginning for the artistic interests of the people of the State of Nebraska for generations to come. We could not duplicate the cost that went into this building, and by the way, as Senator Marsh said, fifteen percent of this building was committed to artistic endeavors, fifteen percent, not one percent but fifteen percent. Again, it is only for those buildings that the public would have access to, that the public will use in daily business. For that reason I urge this body to reject Senator Nichol's motion. It is not good public policy. It is wrong and it will take too much of this Legislature's valuable time on an issue that will be surely hotly debated.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Briefly, Mr. President, I would rise to oppose the raising the bill as well. Most of the points have been made. I only want to reemphasize the point that there is going to be a savings is probably not likely to really occur. The half a million dollars that the University