

exemption to those people who can afford...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to pay the sales tax, to put money in a museum that has an admission price that is going to be prohibitive to prevent people from my district from going to the museum. It's not a publicly owned museum. The state has no interest in it. It is a cliquish clack that runs that museum and everything associated with it. And you can give them the sales tax exemption if you choose and I can't stop that from happening, but I will mark well the types of exemptions that this body chooses to give. There is one other point that I think is significant about all of what we're talking about. When it comes to trying to get money like this, then suddenly there is an explosion of interest and concern for the arts. But I bet I could hold up ten famous paintings and nobody in this body could tell me who the artist was...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Senator Moore, Senator Pirsch, next.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, Ernie is probably right. I'm probably one of those that cannot name the artist for those, but to talk on the kill motion I guess I'd like to ask a few questions. I believe I'll ask them of Senator Hall, Senator Lindsay has already had a workout, I think Hall is the co-sponsor of this.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR MOORE: Just so I...I think Senator Chambers summed up what I, the way I assumed it to be, that this exemption would apply to a purchase that has already been made and a contract that has already been signed. Is that correct?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Moore, the way the bill is written the effective date would be July 1, 1989, and the agreement that Senator Chambers and Senator Lindsay have talked about is one...it was a purchase agreement between the Board of Directors of the Joslyn Museum and the Enron Corporation. It was a purchase agreement that spans five years. The first installment or the first year, that has been paid. The sales tax that went along with that purchase has been paid. This bill, if passed