

fought to preserve the concepts and ideals that we have established this country on, and so it is right and proper to recognize the changes that we are talking about. I don't particularly know if all that is being discussed is appropriate, but if the veterans group, and I understand they have signed off on this, feel comfortable with the changes involved and the different commission members, reversing a diversity of viewpoints, feel comfortable in that change, then it seems appropriate for this Legislature to fund adequately the completion of that project. This building deserves that sort of support. I think clearly, again, I want to emphasize that the whole origin of this came from the veterans organizations of the state. I know they want to see this project completed. I care very deeply about this effort and hope that you will vote for this amendment to see that the project is done and done right.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, just briefly, I do have a list of the commission members here and I don't know anything about the vote or anything such as that, but I am inclined to go along with the wishes or the intent of what the commission had. Simply, I understand Senator Langford's concerns but I think somewhere along the line it is appropriate that we move ahead with this. If my knowledge is correct or my memory is right, we haven't put much into this area for many, many years in the Capitol. I don't know whether it goes back to when it was completed. I know it was not completed back in the thirties; whether there has been...I think there has been very little done since then. But if we are to keep up with the intent of the original design, I think it is appropriate to move ahead. We do have a very active commission. I am inclined to move ahead with this and I would encourage your support at this time. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, followed by Senators Langford, Bernard-Stevens, and Hall.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, I guess that everyone who has spoken so far has spoken to the fact that we have a fine group of people who compose the commission and have talked about the appropriateness or, perhaps, inappropriateness of some of the themes chosen. I guess I would like to look at this situation from a slightly different angle and that is the fact that I would question just