

how much we should involve a political body, such as the Legislature, in this decision-making process. I can remember, and I am sure that all of you can, the big brouhaha that occurred when we commissioned artwork along the interstate, and how controversial that was. Art is often controversial. I think that we need to appoint good people to this commission and then, for the most part, entrust them to come forward with some good ideas, and I do, too, appreciate Senator Langford's concerns, but I think it has been documented very well here this afternoon that we have very scholarly people, people who certainly represent the veteran's point of view, and I would like to have us proceed with this, entrust them to the job because there are...certainly in one afternoon, in one hour, we cannot adequately discuss what needs to be put in these murals. That requires a good deal of scholarship, of research, of thought, and an interaction, and if we want to do something like that, if we want control over that kind of thing, then I think that we should plan to spend a week or so here in the Legislature deciding what these murals should be. So I would just encourage you to support this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Langford.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President, I seem to be the only one with any concerns and I certainly want these murals to be completed. However, I don't think this is anyplace for environmentalists or poverty, some of the things that are in here. I don't know the people who were in this study group, but I think some of the policies are wrong. Now why in the world would we put anything for the United Nations in our building? Most people think it is a worthless piece of junk. Some of these things, I just don't understand at all, and it seems I am the only one that feels that way. But I want you to know that there was a brouhaha at the Washington Monument when the artwork went in there. It was all communist and socialist and had to be removed, and the money was down the drain. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I have listened to Senator Langford twice on this subject. I have been reading the document that she was reading from concerning the panels. And not only have I listened to Senator Langford, I also listened to the Speaker of the Legislature talk about the need to move on, and for probably the