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paint, you draw, you sculpt, but dancing, singing, writing, all of the means that people use to express those parts of their nature which are not expressed in the political arena, in the jangling, clanging area of commercialism, but where people can feel comfortable expressing those human qualities. Buildings are artifacts. And the word "art" or "artificial" simply means something that's human-made. It doesn't have to be made in accordance with a standard of mine or somebody else's. And that's why they say, when it comes to art, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. But that expression of the human spirit, whether in the stone of a building, the wood of a sculpture, or the marble, or the lines drawn on paper, or the painting on a canvas, these are the things that enrich a person's life. These are the things that ennoble a people. And these are the means by which you leave a record of what you really were and what you deemed to be important. I will never forgive those people who, when I came down here, drilled holes in the ceiling of this Chamber to put closed-circuit television cameras to watch me because they thought I came down here to throw bombs or hit people upside the head with sticks, and the things that police usually do, but which I have never done. This is a good bill, in view of the work that the Revenue Committee has done to limit its scope and restrict it to the purposes that were envisioned when people voted to approve that amendment to the constitution. Frankly speaking, I don't know if people envisioned what I'm talking about at all. I don't know if they had any idea or notion about what I'm saying. And if they heard me, they might say that I'm crazy. But they nevertheless amended the constitution so that what is being attempted by this bill can be done. So Senator Landis has brought us what he called a housekeeping amendment. I'm a senator, not a housekeeper. So he being the expert on that, I will take his word for it. When the "Wizard" from...and I won't give where he used to be from, but I always referred to Senator Wickersham as the "Wizard." And once again he demonstrated that ability and talent which Senator Pederson touched on.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And when we do have people observing our work on the floor, and will offer their expertise, which will enable