SENATE RESOLUTION 1991-8671

By Senator Amondson, Rasmussen, Newhouse, Snyder and Hayner

WHEREAS, Through a 1987 resolution, the Senate ordered the Washington State Department of General Administration to remove two beautiful but architecturally incompatible murals from the Senate chambers; and

WHEREAS, Through a subsequent resolution in 1990, the Senate further ordered the Department of General Administration to install the murals in the library at Centralia College; and

WHEREAS, In compliance with the 1987 and 1990 resolutions, the Department of General Administration has removed both murals from the Senate chambers and has already installed one of them in the designated place at Centralia College; and

WHEREAS, Through an order dated April 3, 1991, in Cause No. 87-2-08597-0, the Superior Court of King County has required the Attorney General of the State of Washington to write to the Senate and pose the following two questions:

1. Is the Senate disposed to reconsider the placement

in the Senate Chambers of the murals done by Alden

Mason.

If "no", then

2. Is the Senate disposed to permit one mural to be installed temporarily after the current session for viewing by public officials interested in acquiring

the murals; and

WHEREAS, After careful consideration and deliberation, the Senate answers both of these questions in the negative; and

WHEREAS, The Senate further desires that the Department of General Administration place the second mural at Centralia College with the first, where both murals can be viewed by those interested in acquiring them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate formally responds "no" to each of the questions posed by the Attorney General pursuant to the April 3, 1991, order of the Superior Court of King County in Cause No. 87-2-08597-0; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate requests the Department of General Administration to resume its duties under the 1990 resolution by placing in the library at Centralia College the second mural that was removed from the Senate chambers pursuant to the 1987 resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate immediately transmit copies of this resolution to the Attorney General, to Mr. Alden Mason, to the Superior Court of King County, to the Director of the Washington State Department of General Administration, and to the President of Centralia College.