

this kind of building without bonds and without election up to \$7,500. The intent was to make sure that, number one, the petition method was viable with a reasonable number of signatures and, secondly, that the bill would be utilized for really small construction projects and that is the committee amendments. I move their adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I have a question of the sponsor of the bill, Senator Maresh, if he will yield for a question. Senator Maresh, in reading this bill over the other day, I just wondered if this committee amendment won't gut the bill in effect because I wonder if \$7,500 isn't so low a ceiling that it is going to leave virtually no flexibility.

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Senator Hoagland, I think you are correct in a way because with the present inflation this would be sort of meaningless in the future. \$7,500 doesn't buy much of a building any more and although sometimes you have to take less than you aim for, I would hate to see this amount. If you wish to increase it, I would sure support that.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well if you are talking about constructing a building by one of these villages, why \$7,500 sure isn't going to construct very much.

SENATOR MARESH: Senator Hoagland, what brought this bill about, last year the City of Crete, all they had to do was approve this, the city council had to approve this to allow the federal funds to be used for a program for Region V, a workshop, and the bill got almost to General File but because of the length of the session we didn't act on it and so I came back with the bill again. Although the City of Crete had the election and approved it but this would allow where federal funds are allocated for something like I told you about this Region V building. It doesn't include any city funds and I would hate to see this amount if there would be another case like this in some other town, that they would have to have an election. It is sort of meaningless but to have this \$7,500 I think we should probably increase that. I would agree that it is a small amount with the present day cost of buildings.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Thank you, Senator Maresh, for your comment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Unicameral, I rise to support the committee amendment. What we are doing here now is we are giving them the power to go ahead and build