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# Nimbus draws fire from state Senate

By Empire Staff

A resolution to move "Nimbus" and replace it with a memorial to honor war veterans "is just about the most unanimous" piece of legislation Sen. Brad Bradley has introduced, according to the Anchorage Republican.

A wave of laughter rippled through the Senate chambers today after Bradley's resolution was read, and Senate President Jay Kerttula commented, "We may provide accommodations for Sen. Bradley, at that."

Bradley said he has only found two people — and they were local residents — who appreciate the bright green metal sculpture.

"It's an atrocious color .... It's an atrocious piece of art — if it is art. I don't think it's a credit to Juneau or the tourism industry," said Bradley.

Bradley criticized the Juneau

landmark, located across from the Capitol on the grounds of the State Court Building, as "not perfected. This thing's got hammer marks on it."

"It's the most inappropriate thing we (the state) could spend some \$50,000 of the taxpayers' money on," he said.

Bradley suggested the sculpture could be shipped to Willow or Delta for buffalo chip target practice.

More seriously, he recommended the sculpture be melted down, reshaped and the names of Alaska's war veterans inscribed — so as not to waste the metal.

"Alaska is the only state in the union that has only one memorial" to its veterans, said Bradley, a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army. The memorial is a "mere flagpole" located in Anchorage, he said.

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