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Early reactions to the unofficial figures were mixed. While some are extremely concerned about the dip in the percentage allocated to the DSP for the coming year, others reacted favorably to the nearly $1 million increase. It is the apparently paradoxical relationship between a sizeable increase on the one hand and the implications of a significant percentage drop (which means that the DSP increase may not be as large as that for some other divisions) that makes this situation complicated and sensitive.

The Federation is now working closely with states represented on the subcommittee in efforts to maintain as high a percentage allocation for the state humanities councils as possible, and we will, of course, keep you up to date on further developments, including the results of the June 21 markup and the breakdown of the proposed NEH budget for FY 1984 by division.

Looking further down the road, future steps in the process which will include attention to the issues discussed here will be the markup of the Senate subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies appropriations bill (James A. McClure, R-ID, Chair), tentatively scheduled for July 15, markup of the bill before the full Senate Appropriations Committee (Mark O. Hatfield, R-OR, Chair), tentatively set for July 20, and then adjustment of differences between Senate and House versions in conference committee later in the summer (dates for meetings of the conference committee have not been established yet).