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M E M O R A N D U M

Sep 7, 1984

TO: Senator ✓
FROM: ADC
RE: Kennedy Proposal on NEH Council Member Helen Taylor

Senator Kennedy is considering attaching a "sense of the Senate" resolution to the Continuing Resolution that would call for the resignation of Helen Taylor. She is the least qualified of the 7 people recently appointed under recess rules to the NEH Council.

Such a move would be similar to the recent resolution calling for Anne Burford's resignation. Taylor's credentials for the job are both inappropriate and insufficient. Moreover, she was opposed by Sen. Goldwater for appointment to the CPB after he noted something objectionable in her FBI file. Kennedy has asked Hatch in writing for access to this file - but so far without success.

The mail has been heavy in opposition to all of the appointees but has singled out Taylor as the worst.

Any resolution against Taylor would need Republican support and both Stafford and Weicker are being approached. Right now it looks like they may be sympathetic.

At this point all we need is an indication from you that you would support such a move. My guess is that it will not work out in the end but I recommend that you go along with it as far as it goes.

Will support "sense of the Senate" against Taylor



Will not support

Discuss
