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AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To urge the President to withdraw the nomination of Helen Marie Taylor as a member of the National Council on the Humanities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES--98th Cong., 2d Sess.

H. J. RES. 648

Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1985, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

Amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. Kennedy

Viz:

1 At the end of the resolution, add the following new  
2 section:

3 Sec. . (a) The Congress finds that--

4 (1) on July 2, 1984, the President appointed Helen  
5 Marie Taylor to be a member of the National Council on  
6 the Humanities;

7 (2) the National Foundation on the Arts and the  
8 Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 951 et seq.) provides  
9 that individuals who serve on the National Council on the  
10 Humanities shall be selected on the basis of  
11 distinguished service and scholarship or creativity to  
12 represent professional and public views in the  
13 humanities; and

(3) There is no indication in Mrs. Taylor's background *n experience* which indicates that she is in any way qualified ~~by background~~ ~~or experience~~ for her role on the Humanities Council.

(4) Mrs. Taylor serves on the Advisory Board of Western Goals Foundation, an organization founded by the late Congressman Larry McDonald, currently a defendant in a suit alleging the violation of thousands of Americans' rights to expression, privacy and association. The complaint alleges that Western Goals maintains an extensive computer list on the personal and political lives of countless citizens in their efforts to suppress what the foundation believes to be anti-American.

1. (5) Western Goals is an inappropriate clearinghouse for information on grants and policy at the Humanities Endowment.

(b) It is therefore the sense of the Senate that the President should withdraw the nomination of Helen Marie Taylor as a member of the National Council of the National Endowment for the Humanities.