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Another sign of Congressional intent to continue support for humanities and arts programs is the House of Representatives' recent passage of a bill, H.R. 2751, which raises authorizations for the NEH and NEA. For FY 1984, the bill authorizes $166,500,000 for NEA and $158,500,000 for NEH (safely above the $140,000 actually appropriated for the humanities Endowment). The bill also authorizes "such sums as are needed" for FY 1985. Such an authorization bill was necessary since Congress had appropriated more to the Endowments than had been provided in the original authorization bill, the 1980 amendment to the 1965 Arts and Humanities Act. The Act provides for appropriation of $167,500,000 to the NEH, and $170,000,000 to the NEA, in FY 1985.