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PELL'S PETTY PEEVE LB

The respected head of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Dr. Ronald Berman, has been waiting six months for Senate action—or even a hearing—on his confirmation for another term.

He has been left in limbo because Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), who heads a panel that must pass on Dr. Berman, has refused to put the item on the agenda.

The senator's nose is out of joint because Berman refused to go along with his scheme for letting states use part of NEH's money for patronage handouts.

So far as is known, Berman doesn't have another enemy in the chamber. It is almost universally conceded that he has supervised the distribution of NEH grants in a fair, impartial fashion, demanding high standards of applicants.

But because of "senatorial courtesy," none of Pell's colleagues will intervene to end his spiteful vendetta against Berman.

In our book, that makes them as bad as Pell—if not worse.