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MEMORANDUM

September 10, 1996

To: Senator, Tom, David
From: PDW
Re: Interior Appropriations Update

Interior Appropriations is now scheduled following Treasury/Postal with the Magnuson Act (fishing) coming up somewhere beforehand. This means that Interior will start either late Wednesday night (unlikely) or Thursday morning. More likely, discussion will begin on Friday and resume on Monday.

The amendment to restore funds for the Endowments will be for \$10 million, \$8 million for the NEH and \$2 million for the NEA. Of the \$8 million for the NEH, \$2 million will be specifically targeted for Challenge Grants; the rest will be for grants and administration. NEH has requested the matching money (Challenge Grants) and had wanted even more that \$2 million in that pot. The offsets for the \$10 million are as follows:

- \$6 million from strategic petroleum reserve
- \$2 million from Dept. of Energy/turbine
- \$2 million from the Bureau of Land Management.

Nothing will be taken from Energy Conservation and weatherizing assistance grants.

Unfortunately, the House has indicated that there is no way that they will agree to any additional money for the NEA in Conference, meaning that the \$2 million will be thrown away. This leaves the Senate asking for \$107 million for the NEH, and the House asking for \$105 million.

We are polling around at the staff level to have the Sense of the Senate statement I gave to you last week included in the package rather than be introduced as a second degree amendment. Senator Simpson is being helpful, and I hope that Senator Stevens will do the same.

AMENDMENT NO. _____

Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To express the sense of the Senate regarding funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—104th Cong., 2d Sess.

H.R. 3662

Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, 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

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place in the bill insert the follow-
2 ing:

3 **SEC. ____ SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

4 It is the sense of the Senate that the Senate—

5 (1) supports continued funding for the National
6 Endowment for the Arts and the National Endow-
7 ment for the Humanities; and

8 (2) expects that the issues with respect to the
9 reauthorization of the programs of the National En-

1 dowment for the Arts and the National Endowment
2 for the Humanities will be resolved by the appro-
3 priate committees of Congress during the 105th
4 Congress.