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(D -R. I.)

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## SENATOR PELL GREETES NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

Senator Claiborne Pell (D-R. I.) hailed today the first meeting of the National Council on the Arts as a "major historic event in the cultural life of the United States."

The Rhode Island Senator, Chairman of the Senate Special Subcommittee on Arts and Humanities, spoke in greeting to the Council after swearing-in ceremonies at the White House.

"For almost 90 years the concept of a Federal cultural establishment had been before the Congress," Senator Pell said. "Now the concept has been translated into Public Law. It is my great hope that this Council may soon be given much more comprehensive scope and programming through the establishment of a National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, as proposed by President Johnson and endorsed by many members of the Congress. Legislation to achieve this goal, I am convinced, can have a most profound beneficial meaning to the welfare and the aspirations of our country."