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Art Foundation Lauded by Pell

Operation of Federal Program Explained To Education Group

Sen. Claiborne Pell hailed the establishment of the new Arts and Humanities Foundation as the first major step toward developing a comprehensive program supporting the arts and making them meaningful.

The senator discussed the foundation which was created in a bill for which he served as floor manager in the Senate. His remarks were made last night at a meeting of the Adult Education Association of Rhode Island in the Jewish Community Center, Providence.

The bill, he explained, will help thwart a growing financial crisis throughout the entire spectrum of the arts in this country.

The senator said he is hoping that an increased emphasis on the arts and humanities will help fill the void created by additional leisure time.

"It is estimated that by the year 2000, Americans will have a total of 660 billion more hours of leisure than they did in 1950," Senator Pell said.

Automation and industrial technological improvements are responsible for this increase, he said.

The senator explained the operation of the new Arts and Humanities Foundation saying that the two major branches, one for arts and one for humanities, will use federal funds to encourage cultural endeavors, and they will seek private philanthropy for such endeavors.

Later a discussion, led by Dr. Bernard Carp, executive director of the Jewish Community Center, centered around the impact of the foundation in Rhode Island.

Taking part in the informal talk were Charles A. O'Connor Jr., superintendent of schools in Providence and Mary C. Mulvey, adult education coordinator in the Providence schools.

Program director was William Farrell, chief of adult education in the state.

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