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Statement by Senator Pell on the Committee Substitute Amendment
to the National Foundation on the Arts & Humanities Act of 1965
November 3, 1993

Mr. Chairman: The amendment we address today provides for an extension of the authorization statute which governs the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

This proposal provides for a two year extension of existing law and incorporates a House-passed amendment that would freeze a state's allotment of NEA funds if the state has decreased its own funding for the arts from a 3 year average base level.

I strongly support the adoption of this committee substitute so as to speed the reauthorization of these three important agencies. I want to assure my colleagues that a full scale review of these programs will occur over the next two years as we lead up to the next reauthorization in 1995.