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Amendment to H.R.

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Page 17, immediately after line 24, insert the following new title:

TITLE III--~~CULTURAL~~ CHALLENGE ^{GRANT} PROGRAM
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Authorization of Program

Sec. 301. (a) The Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, with the advice of the National Council on the Arts, is authorized, in accordance with the provisions of this title, to establish and carry out a program of contracts with, or grants-in-aid to, public agencies and private non-profit organizations for the purpose of--

(1) enabling cultural organizations and institutions to increase the levels of continuing support and to increase the range of contributors to the program of such organizations or institutions;

(2) providing administrative and management improvements for cultural organizations and institutions, particularly in the field of long-range financial planning;

(3) enabling cultural organizations and institutions to increase audience participation in, and appreciation of, programs sponsored by such organizations and institutions;

(4) stimulating greater cooperation among cultural organizations and institutions especially designed to serve better the communities in which such organizations or institutions are located; and

(5) fostering greater citizen involvement in planning the cultural development of a community.

(b) The total amount of any payment made under this section for a program or project may not exceed 50 per centum of the cost of such program or project.

(c) In carrying out the program authorized by this title the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts shall have the same authority as is established in section 10 of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965.

Authorization of Appropriations

Sec. 302. (a) There are authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year ending before October 1, 1981, to the National Endowment for the Arts an amount equal to the total amounts received by such Endowment for the purposes set forth in section 301(a) pursuant to the authority of section 10(a)(2) of the National Foundation on the Arts and the

Humanities Act of 1965, except that the amount so appropriated for any fiscal year shall not exceed the following limitations: \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 1977, \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 1978, and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 1979 and 1980.

(b) Sums appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) for any fiscal year shall remain available for obligation and expenditure until expended.

PURPOSE: To authorize a program of grants and contracts to public and non-profit organizations to increase and provide support, improve administration and management, to increase audience participation, stimulate greater cooperation among cultural organizations and institutions, foster greater citizen participation.

The program would pay \$1 federal to \$3 private.

The program is necessary because of the great financial burden experienced by large cultural institutions.

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Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to amend and extend the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, to provide for the improvement of museum services, to establish a challenge program, and for other purposes."