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FLOOR STATEMENT BY SENATOR CLAIBORNE PELL  
ON THE NOMINATION OF SHELDON HACKNEY TO BE CHAIRMAN  
OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

Mr. President, I <sup>wish</sup>~~rise~~ to add my strong endorsement to the nomination of Dr. Sheldon Hackney to be Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Dr. Hackney is a man of tremendous stature and intelligence who will bring years of scholarly and administrative experience to this important position. His impressive record includes 18 years as the president of two major universities - Tulane and the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to this he was Provost and Professor at Princeton University.

As my colleagues know, I have long been involved in the life of the Humanities Endowment and will continue to do all I can to support and encourage its work. I know that it will be a great pleasure working with Dr. Hackney in the years ahead.

Much has been made in the press of a few incidents that occurred at the University of Pennsylvania during Dr. Hackney's tenure there. Dr. Hackney provided such thorough and satisfying answers when asked about these issues in his confirmation hearing that Committee members voted unanimously (17-0) to recommend his confirmation to the full Senate.

Finally I want to say how fortunate we are that President Clinton has nominated such an outstanding figure in the academic community to take on this leadership role in the humanities. I applaud the President for his inspired choice.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting to confirm Sheldon Hackney.