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| - Change in status of State-based Humanities Committees. Compromise can be offered. See separate data on this issue. | Senator Pell | This is perhaps the single most controversial issue of the reauthorization bill. No support for the Pell position has been forthcoming. Sens. Randolph, Eagleton, Stafford expected to oppose Pell. Mail is overwhelmingly against change. |
| Adds "local arts agencies" to list of areas worthy of NEA support | National Assembly of State Arts Agencies. | Support for local arts orgs. is just beginning to take off. This brief mention is a gesture in the right direction. Other competing groups will go along with it since no \$\$ is involved. |
| Adds phrase "cultural diversity" to general NEA mandate | Administration | A gesture to minority organizations. |
| Adds Northern Marianas to the definition of a "State" | Administration | Public Law 94-241 requires the Northern Marianas to be eligible for Federal funds in same manner as other territories. |
| Strikes obsolete reference to "District of Columbia Recreation Board" | Administration | Language is obsolete |
| Adds paragraph to limit "States" to those several states of the Union and those special jurisdictions with population over 200,000 (i.e. Puerto Rico and D.C.) | Administration | The less populous jurisdiction cannot effectively use the full "Basic State Operating Grant" from the Endowment |
| Gives NEA Chairman permission to make interagency agreements | Administration | This is a major thrust of the Federal Council on the Arts & Humanities. Joan Mondale very supportive. ICA, Veterans, GSA and Interior are already involved. |

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| Repeals Bicentennial Film Project | Administration | Program has never been funded since first authorized in 1976. |
| Provides for all Council members to end their respective terms on Sep 3rd | Administration | Will simplify appointment process |
| Repeals "loan" authority for NEH | Administration | Loans have never been made by NEH. |
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