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Section 2, FTC Authority: This section deals with Federal Trade Commission issues.
(a) Directs that the FTC shall participate in, and be responsible for the enforcement of enforcement means, including consumer fraud. FTC shall be empowered to enforce consumer fraud, and for establishing law enforcement and consumer fraud education programs.

Section 7, Forfeiture: (a) Amends civil and criminal forfeiture law to allow for the forfeiture of property derived from proceeds of criminal activity (e.g., mortgage fraud).

Section 8, Money Laundering: Adds credit card fraud to the money laundering statute so that this statute can be used to pursue credit card fraud.

By Mr. FENT (for himself and Mr. JEFFORDS): -

S. 125. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1994 and 1995 to carry out the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, and the Museum Services Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Committees on Arts, Humanities, and Museums Amendments of 1993.

Mr. FENT, Mr. President, as chairman of the Subcommittee on Education and Labor, is introducing legislation today that will provide 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 simple extension of existing law for these agencies for a 2-year period through fiscal year 1997, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Committees on Arts, Humanities, and Museums Amendments of 1993.
ional support, the rural and inner-city areas of the United States would do without the art, music, literature, and dance that much of America enjoys.

Mr. KENNEDY. I am pleased to support this simple, yet important, piece of legislation, and hope it can be enacted without delay.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. PELL, and Mr. CHAFEE):

S. 1221. A bill to revise the boundaries of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

BLACKSTONE RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR ACT

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation to enhance a very successful historic preservation effort already underway in Massachusetts and Rhode Island—the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor.

This legislation will modify the boundaries of the corridor to include additional communities in the valley that are essential components of the region's history. It will also extend the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission, which has been so effective in bringing local groups together to preserve these important cultural and natural resources. The bill will increase the Commission's funding, to build on current preservation efforts, and provide matching funds for local efforts.

I am joined in this legislation by my colleagues from Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Senators JOHN KERRY, CLAIBORNE PELL, and JOHN CHAFEE, who have all shown a strong commitment to our effort to protect this vital part of our national heritage. A companion bill is being introduced today in the House of Representatives by Congressman RICHARD NEAL, with the sponsorship of Congressmen PETER BLUM, RONALD MACHTLEY, and JACOB RAX, who are working in the same spirit of bipartisan and bi-State cooperation.

The Blackstone corridor is unique in many respects. Historically, it is distinctive as the place where industrial America was born. The country's first factory, Slater Mill, was built on the banks of the Blackstone River. It was where the widespread industrial use of water power in the United States was first employed. Much of this early development is still intact, with approximately 10,000 historic structures, and a canal system and dams that harness the force of the river, which drops dramatically at each of its 48-mile course.

Extension of the Blackstone Corridor Commission is also essential. Exis-
INTRODUCTION OF AUTHORIZATION LEGISLATION

HON. PAT WILLIAMS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 9, 1993

Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to extend the authorities of the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

This is a simple 2-year reauthorization of existing law. It makes no substantive changes in the authorities of the NEA, NEH, and IMLS, and it conforms the funding levels of these agencies to the levels requested by President Clinton in his fiscal year 1994 budget. Because the authorities for these three agencies expire on September 30 of this year, we need to act quickly on this simple extension.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, we made some very significant changes in the NEA, the last time we reauthorized that agency. Those changes have been implemented, and by all accounts they have been successful. I had hoped to use this reauthorization to consider more changes for the NEA, as well as possible changes to the NEH and IMLS. For example, I wanted to explore what we might be able to do to expand the reach of those agencies to serve more of America. The NEA has begun some initiatives in this area. The NEA has requested funding in its fiscal year 1994 budget request to begin a program of support for small, rural, and minority museums. We should do more to encourage emerging and minority artists and museums. I also wanted to use this reauthorization to pursue more fully the issue of arts education, and to consider the most appropriate location for Federal activities in this important area. However, this is a new administration and we need ample time to fully explore with them possible changes in direction for the three agencies.

Therefore, extending the existing authorities of these agencies for 2 years will give us the time to undertake a thorough review of these agencies.

I want to give my colleagues notice of the schedule I hope to follow with this bill. On June 10, I plan to hold a hearing before my Subcommittee on Labor Management Relations to consider this legislation. I hope to also hold a Floor debate on this legislation. I hope to then bring the bill to the Floor for final action on the legislation before the July 4 recess, and then move the bill through the House before the August recess. It is my understanding that our colleagues in the Senate hope to follow a similar timetable. If we can keep to this schedule, we will have an authorization for our arts communities to do its important work before the fiscal year expires.

Tribute to Bonnie Shapiro, Recipient of the New Jersey Tenants Organization's 11th Annual Ronald B. Atlas Leadership Award

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 9, 1993

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincerest congratulations to Ms. Bonnie Shapiro, the administrative director of the New Jersey Tenants Organization [NJTO]. Bonnie's commitment to tenants rights runs deep. She has been active in tenant organizations for 24 years, including the last 11 1/2 with NJTO, the nation's oldest and largest tenant group.

Over these years, Bonnie has used her service in the tenants of New Jersey has been more than exemplary. She has gone beyond the call of duty and put herself on the line for tenants in innumerable times. Whether handing out pamphlets or lobbying state legislatures, Bonnie has done it all and done it well.

Just listen to how her colleagues at NJTO have described her. NJTO President Michelle Rupas has called Bonnie "the glue that holds the whole organization together." Her depth of knowledge, extraordinary spirit, warmth and empathy are gifts to every tenant in this State.

Tenants throughout New Jersey who call our office with problems are able to depend on Bonnie's wisdom, compassion, expertise and support. She is central to everything that goes on in the organization. NJTO Organizing Vice-President Mitch Kahn has said that Bonnie "has educated the NJTO leadership and forged coalitions with women's groups. In addition, she has used her writing talents to energize and organize tenants over the years through a stream of incendiary flyers."

In fact, it was Ms. Shapiro's dedication to her cause which emboldened her in a court battle on behalf of New Jersey tenants, in which she was temporarily restrained from continuing to fight for tenants through her powerful public speaking and writing. Yet, despite the personal hardship, Bonnie Shapiro has endured as a leader and a fighter for tenants' rights in New Jersey. NJTO's selection for this year's Ronald B. Atlas Award is well founded. Bonnie Shapiro deserves all of our thanks.

MARY DRISCOLL HONORED

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL
OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 9, 1993

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, today I want to go on record saying "thank you" to a dedicated, long-time public servant from my district, Mrs. Mary Driscoll of East Longmeadow, MA.

Mrs. Driscoll was born in 1928 in Worcester, MA to her parents James and Helen. She and