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104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3662

[Report No. 104-625]

A BILL

Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

JUNE 18, 1996

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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NATIONAL CAPITAL ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Appropriations, 1996	\$6,000,000
Budget estimate, 1997	6,733,000
House allowance	6,000,000
Committee recommendation	6,000,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$6,000,000, \$733,000 below the budget estimate and the same as the House allowance.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Appropriations, 1996	\$2,500,000
Budget estimate, 1997	2,500,000
House allowance	2,500,000
Committee recommendation	2,500,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,500,000, the same as the budget estimate and the House allowance.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation provides review, coordination, mediation, education, and advice on historic preservation matters. It does not have responsibility for designating historic properties, providing financial assistance, overriding other Federal agencies' decisions, or controlling actions taken by property actions. The Advisory Council works closely with Federal agencies and State historic preservation officers.

The Committee expects that the services performed by the Council should be paid by the benefiting departments and agencies through reimbursable agreements. The funding level provided relates to the gradual reduction of the dependency on the Interior appropriations bill.

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1996	\$5,090,000
Budget estimate, 1997	5,885,000
House allowance	5,390,000
Committee recommendation	5,390,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$5,390,000, a decrease of \$495,000 below the budget estimate and the same as the House allowance.

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1996	\$147,000
Budget estimate, 1997	125,000
House allowance	125,000
Committee recommendation	500,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$500,000, \$375,000 above the budget estimate and the House allowance.

An additional amount of \$375,000 above the budget estimate is provided to fund costs associated with the 2-day dedication ceremonies that will be planned to follow completion of the memorial

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The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$9,000,000, the same as the budget estimate and the House allowance, for repair, restoration, and renovation projects at the Kennedy Center. This amount will be used for restoration of the building's exterior; for fire alarm and security systems; for interior repairs, including theater access projects for persons with disabilities and exhaust and ventilation problems; and for repair of basic building systems.

WOODROW WILSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SCHOLARS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1996	\$5,840,000
Budget estimate, 1997	5,840,000
House allowance	5,840,000
Committee recommendation	5,840,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$5,840,000, the same as the budget estimate and the House allowance.

The table below shows the Committee recommendation and the budget estimate.

	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Change
Fellowship program	\$1,724,000	\$1,724,000	
Scholar support	615,000	615,000	
Public service	748,000	748,000	
General administration	1,272,000	1,272,000	
Smithsonian fee	130,000	130,000	
Conference planning/outreach	887,000	887,000	
Space	464,000	464,000	
Total	5,840,000	5,840,000	

In June of this year, the Committee gave its approval to the Wilson Center to execute a lease agreement that had been negotiated with GSA waiving all rent at the Federal Triangle building, the proposed site for relocation of the Center's offices. Previously, the Committee had expressed concern that occupancy of the new office quarters would result in additional operating expenses and thereby jeopardize the Center's program activities. The Committee continues to have reservations in this regard and wishes to stress again its expectation that every measure will be taken by the Wilson Center to ensure that Federal program funds are protected from absorbing these costs, at such time as the lease is executed and plans for relocation are defined in more detail.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

GRANTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 1996	\$82,259,000
Budget estimate, 1997	115,000,000
House allowance	82,734,000
Committee recommendation	82,734,000

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The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$82,734,000, a decrease of \$32,266,000 below the budget estimate and the same as the House allowance.

The following table provides a comparison of the budget estimates and the Committee recommendations:

	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Change
Grants: Program grants	\$62,939,000	\$37,435,000	-\$25,504,000
State programs:			
State grants	26,629,000	22,250,000	- 4,379,000
State set-aside	7,262,000	6,069,000	- 1,193,000
Subtotal, State programs	33,891,000	28,319,000	- 5,572,000
Subtotal, grants	96,830,000	65,754,000	- 31,076,000
Administrative areas:			
Policy planning and research	450,000	440,000	- 10,000
Administration	17,020,000	15,880,000	- 1,140,000
Computer replacement	700,000	660,000	- 40,000
Subtotal, administrative areas	18,170,000	16,980,000	- 1,190,000
Total, grants and administration	115,000,000	82,734,000	- 32,266,000

The Committee concurs with bill language included by the House that would allow appropriated funds to remain available until expended, in an effort to provide greater flexibility to the Endowment in administering its grants.

As noted in the statement of the managers accompanying the conference report on the fiscal year 1996 appropriation for the National Endowment for the Arts, the Senate supports continued funding for the NEA and expects the authorizing issues to be resolved by the legislative committees in the House and Senate.

MATCHING GRANTS

Appropriations, 1996	\$17,235,000
Budget estimate, 1997	21,000,000
House allowance	16,760,000
Committee recommendation	16,760,000

\$ 99.5m

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$16,760,000, a decrease of \$4,240,000 below the budget estimate and the same as the House allowance.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

GRANTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 1996	\$94,000,000
Budget estimate, 1997	118,250,000
House allowance	92,994,000
Committee recommendation	87,994,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$87,994,000, \$30,256,000 below the budget request and \$5,000,000 below the

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House allowance. The following table provides a comparison of the budget estimate and the Committee recommendation:

	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Change
Grants:			
Program grants	\$49,500,000	\$31,000,000	-\$18,500,000
State programs	30,150,000	26,500,000	- 3,650,000
Office of Preservation	21,000,000	15,000,000	- 6,000,000
Subtotal, grants	100,650,000	72,500,000	- 28,150,000
Administrative areas: Administration			
	17,600,000	15,494,000	- 2,106,000
Total, grants and administration	118,250,000	87,994,000	- 30,256,000

The Committee concurs with bill language included by the House that would allow appropriated funds to remain available until expended, in an effort to provide greater flexibility to the Endowment in administering its grants.

MATCHING GRANTS

Appropriations, 1996	\$16,000,000
Budget estimate, 1997	17,750,000
House allowance	11,500,000
Committee recommendation	11,500,000

* 99.5m

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$11,500,000, \$6,250,000 below the budget request and the same as the House allowance. Included in this mark is \$7,500,000 for challenge grants and \$4,000,000 in Treasury funds for matching grants.

INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM SERVICES

Appropriations, 1996	\$21,000,000
Budget estimate, 1997	23,000,000
House allowance	21,000,000
Committee recommendation	21,000,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$21,000,000, \$2,000,000 below the budget request and the same as the House allowance.

The Committee concurs with bill language included by the House that would allow appropriated funds to remain available until expended, in an effort to provide greater flexibility to the Institute in administering its grants.

COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1996	\$834,000
Budget estimate, 1997	867,000
House allowance	867,000
Committee recommendation	867,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$867,000, the same as the budget estimate and the House allowance.