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Purpose: To establish standards for determining whether a group or individual who received funds pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 used such funds to create, produce, or support a project which is obscene or racist, or which denigrates a particular religion; to establish sanctions for groups or individuals which create, produce, or support a project or production which is found to be obscene under criminal laws; and for other purposes.


S. 2724

To extend and improve arts and humanities programs, museum services, and arts and artifacts indemnification, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on __________________________

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. HATCH

Viz:

1 On page ___, strike all beginning with line ___

2 through page ___, line ___, and insert the following:

3 "(i)(1) The Chairperson of the National Endowment

4 for the Arts (hereafter in this subsection referred to as the

5 'Chairperson') shall establish and publish standards for de-

6 termining whether a group or individual who received
funds pursuant to the provisions of section 5 used such funds to create, produce, or support a project which is obscene or racist, or which denigrates a particular religion.

"(2) The Chairperson shall establish sanctions for violation of the standards established pursuant to paragraph (1).

"(3) Except as provided in paragraphs (4) and (5), where funds received pursuant to the provisions of section 5 are used to create, produce, or support a project or production which is found to be obscene under criminal laws, as determined by a court decision after final appeals in the State or States in which the group or individual produced such project or production or in the State or States described in the grant award as the site or sites of the project or production, the sanctions described in paragraph (2) shall include—

"(A) repayment by the individual or organization which created or produced the project or production found to be obscene pursuant to paragraph (3) to the Chairperson of the portion of the funds received under section 5 which were used to create or produce such project or production in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (4); and

"(B) ineligibility of the individual or organization which—
“(i) used funds received under section 5 to create or produce the project or production found to be obscene pursuant to paragraph (3); and

“(ii) was a defendant convicted in the criminal action described in paragraph (3); to receive funds under this Act for a period to be determined by the Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts, which shall not be less than 3 years from the date such project or production is found to be obscene or until repayment of the funds pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph (A), whichever is longer.

“(4)(A) Except as provided in paragraph (5), funds required to be repaid pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be repaid within 90 days from the date such project or production is found to be obscene pursuant to the provision of paragraph (3).

“(B) If a State, local or regional agency or arts group received funds directly from the Chairperson under section 5 and awarded all or a portion of such funds to an individual or organization which used such funds to create, produce or support a project or production found to be obscene pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (3), and the Chairperson determines that such individual or organization is not able to repay such funds in accordance with the
provisions of paragraph (3) and this paragraph, then such
agency or group shall repay such funds to the Chairperson
within 30 days of the expiration of—

"(i) the 90-day period described in paragraph
(4); or

"(ii) the waiver period described in paragraph
(5).

"(C) Each individual or organization required to
repay funds pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph (A)
of paragraph (3) shall be ineligible to receive funds under
this Act until such funds are repaid.

"(D) If a State, local, or regional agency or arts group
is required to repay funds pursuant to the provisions of
subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3) or subparagraph (B) of
this paragraph and fails to make such repayment in accord-
ance with the provisions of this subsection, then such
agency or group shall be ineligible to receive funds under
this Act until such funds are repaid.

"(5) The Chairperson may waive the provisions of
paragraph (4)(A) for a period not to exceed 2 years.

"(6) The Chairperson shall develop procedures to
ensure compliance with the sanctions described in para-
graph (3).
"(7) The general information and guidance form provided to recipients of funds under section 5 shall include on such form the following:

"REPAYMENT OF FUNDS AND DEBARMENT.—In accordance with a congressional directive, recipients of funds under section 5 of the National Foundation of the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 are requested to note the sanctions described in section 10(g) of such Act regarding repayment of funds and debarment.

"(8) The Chairperson shall develop regulations to implement the sanction described in this subsection."
1. At the appropriate place in the bill insert the following:

2. **SEC. 2. AMERICAN ARTS CELEBRATION.**

3. (a) **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.**—It is the purpose of this section to provide for a series of regional celebrations through which Americans will see the wonderful interaction of art and democracy, and will participate in an unprecedented national celebration of American arts and culture.

4. (b) **AMERICAN ARTS CELEBRATION.**—(1) In fiscal year 1991 and each fiscal year thereafter, the National Endowment for the Arts shall sponsor for the American public a series of regional celebrations of traditional and contemporary American art.

5. (2) The celebrations described in paragraph (1) shall be multi-cultural, and shall pay tribute to the diversity and creativity of the American artistic genius in all its past and present forms. Each such celebration shall feature the widest spectrum of artists and artwork available in that region, including indigenous traditions as well as expressions from diverse ethnic cultures.

6. (3) The National Endowment for the Arts shall work in concert with appropriate entities in each region of the United States to plan and implement such regional American arts celebrations.

7. (c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1991 and each fiscal year thereafter $10,000,000 to carry out the provisions of this section.
The series will juxtapose diverse artforms, thereby illustrating Americans' plural heritages and the bountiful results of democracy at work in the arts. The celebrations will enable Americans to understand the importance of art in documenting history, encouraging creativity and building vibrant communities.

The types of programs included in the celebrations will include, but not be limited to, presentations in the performing arts, visual arts, media arts, literary arts and crafts. The celebrations will showcase traditional artforms, representational art and contemporary works. Each celebration will incorporate educational programs to inform audiences about the arts and artists involved, and each will encourage community participation in the planning and implementation of events.

The celebrations will be designed to attract a broad spectrum of the American people. They will take place in accessible locations; admission charges will be low or free. Americans from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds will be included as participants. This will include people of European and African descent as well as recent immigrants from Asia, Latin America and other parts of the world.