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President Carter has recently nominated Joseph D. Dudley, now Assistant Secretary of Bank for Educational and Cultural Affairs, to be chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The news has caused many extraordinary reactions in the Federal government. Though he earned a Ph.D. in history, this is his first major position in the administration. He has authored a dissertation on Lloyd Thornton, a Federal public servant. Dudley is said to be a scholar with a sympathetic view of the Endowment's actions. The nomination was passed by the Board of Governors in a unanimous vote. It was accompanied by the introduction of a bill to block Mr. Carter's renomination with this issue. The Senate's action was on the basis that the chairman must be a scholar with a strong affiliation with the humanities. If the bill is passed, the President will have to make another nomination. The Senate debate was on the merits of the nominee. Senator Pell, chairman of the Senate's Appropriations Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, said that Mr. Dudley was an excellent choice for the position. He noted that Mr. Dudley had a strong background in education and had worked closely with the National Endowment for the Humanities in his previous position. He also emphasized the importance of preserving the humanities and the arts. Senator Pell's nomination has been met with a mixed response. Some senators have noted that Mr. Dudley's background in education and his work with the Endowment make him a strong choice for the position. However, others have raised concerns about his commitment to the humanities. The Senate vote on the nomination is expected to be close, and the final decision will largely depend on the outcome of the debate.

On the economic front, the President has announced plans to increase the federal budget for the humanities by 20 percent. This is a significant increase that will help support the activities of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The increase will be used to fund programs that promote the study of the humanities and to support the work of scholars and educators. The President has also announced plans to establish a new endowment for the humanities that will provide additional funding for the field. This endowment will be funded through contributions from the private sector and will be managed by a board of trustees that includes representatives from the humanities.

On the political front, the President has announced plans to increase the federal budget for arts and culture by 15 percent. This is a significant increase that will help support the activities of the National Endowment for the Arts. The increase will be used to fund programs that promote the arts and to support the work of artists and cultural organizations. The President has also announced plans to establish a new endowment for the arts that will provide additional funding for the field. This endowment will be funded through contributions from the private sector and will be managed by a board of trustees that includes representatives from the arts.