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Line Item.

Program reinforcement & specifics.

Percentage funding not included.

- Program Reinforcement -

The Committee wishes to note that percentage funding ^{procedures} with the exception of state arts and humanities programs where such procedures were earlier initiated, are not included in this legislation. Many witnesses and supporters of the arts and humanities Endowments have cautioned against "line items" in funding these ^{broad cultural} areas. The Committee has taken cognizance of these arguments. It places great importance on the ~~wisdom~~ ^{apdits} of the two advisory national councils to determine priorities for both the arts and the humanities. However, the Committee wishes to distinguish clearly between so-called line items and the principle of program reinforcement and specificity by which through which the Congress may set certain broad goals and establish, within the general framework of the Act, ~~new initiatives~~. The opportunity for new initiatives. By adhering to this principle, the Committee believes it has strengthened the potentials of the two Endowments to fulfill their missions.