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The Arts + Humanities program is aimed at helping to create a climate in which these two most important and related cultural areas may flourish. I believe the Arts Endowment and the Humanities Endowment have made great progress in fostering this climate.

When we look at the level of our government's support for the arts and the humanities, we can see how much easier this legislation has advanced our
Under the leadership of the two co-chairs of the Senate Committee, and the chairmen of the House, great art organizations and events have been assisted or rescued and given a new lease on life. Before this law came into being only a handful of states had any sort of program to support the arts. Now each state has an established state arts agency, granting through matching Federal funds and bringing more money to encourage artists to
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The arts at community and local levels, and the Humanities Endowment is also working in neighborhood areas.

Indeed, we hope to witness the climate we sought to help create. Through "The quality of life" is an often-used phrase, it is at the very basis of this legislation. Only in such a climate can our artists and scholars best contribute their talents to society and people. And it is in terms of this climate that we should think of our Bicentennial—not just as a goal in itself, but as a springboard forward.

Private citizen groups throughout the country have lauded this program as essential and crucial to the arts and culture's future.
The third century of our nation's life and future centuries. In my view, only in these terms does the actual bicentennial celebration relate to the long-range work of the Arts and Humanities program.

In short,

A climate for the encouragement of our cultural well-being has been so assisted and fostered, grown in stature, meaning and effectiveness, as I so strongly believe it has now should be allowed to advance toward its full potentials, so that we can truly take our place among the leading civilizations of the earthed, which throughout history have considered culture vital and essential.
importance and value. History has judged teaching coalitions in these terms, and history will judge our current civilization as it further develops in this fashion. Let me say in particular that I am especially pleased that Senator Saints is co-sponsoring this legislation. He was a pioneer in this area long before I became involved myself. As we do near the end of the session of this legislation, to make possible the creation of the arts and humanities program and to reauthorize its accomplishments