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Proposed Authorizations for Bicentennial Photography and Film Project

\$4 million each for FY 77 and FY 78

1. First \$3 million to be distributed on an equal basis to the states
2. \$1 million to be used by the Endowment for national coordination; to assure that the products of the state projects are made available to the public and to scholars; and to support directly projects of "special merit" which cross state lines. This would be broken down as follows:
 - A. \$100,000 for basic administration and salaries
 - B. \$300,000--State Photo Program--for research, editing, cataloguing, exhibition, shipping, etc.
 - C. \$225,000--State Film Program--for prints, circulation, distribution, transfer to TV, etc.
 - D. \$ 75,000--Panel--operation of panel, developing of guidelines, reviewing of proposals, etc.
 - E. \$300,000--National Photo Project and National Film Project--for production and distribution of photographs and films

Senate Proposal on Bicentennial Photography and Film Project

1. Clarify language on unemployed and underemployed photographers.
On p. 31, l. 2, replace the phrase "the Endowment shall give priority to proposals which involve promising photographers or film makers, etc. with:

"Consideration shall be given by the states to proposals which involve promising, qualified photographers or film makers."

2. Clarify language on role of National Endowment with regard to the project.

On p. 31, l. 8, amend "provide collection and dissemination of photographers and films" to read:

"provide for collection and dissemination of a representative collection of such photographs and films"

3. Authorize \$4 million to be spent for each for FY 77 and FY 78. Delete authorizations for FY 79 and FY 80.
4. Delete specific reservation of up to one-fifth of the appropriation for the national projects, administration, collection and dissemination, etc.
5. Delete requirement that remainder of funds be apportioned among the states on the basis of population.
6. Draft conference report language which will emphasize that Congress does not intend these projects to duplicate existing efforts; and that efforts should be made among the states and by the Endowment to assure coordination and avoid duplication.
7. Delete authority for use of state funds to purchase equipment.