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Attachment: Status of Legislation Chart dated September 1, 1981

National Historical Publications and Records Commission

Funding. In passing HR 4121, the FY 1982 Treasury-Postal Service Appropriations bill, on July 30, the House accepted an amendment reducing from \$3 million to \$1 million the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). This "lesser of two evils" amendment was offered by Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-CA), whose original intent was to raise a point of order against the NHPRC appropriation because it lacked proper authorization. A point of order would have removed all funding; the reduction at least keeps the program alive. However, Dannemeyer indicated the \$1 million should be spent only for publishing the papers of founding fathers; he apparently does not believe federal funds should be spent for NHPRC records projects.

Rep. Silvio Conte, the ranking Republican (from Mass.) on the Appropriations Committee, spoke up in opposition to the amendment:

I am aware that the administration has proposed to eliminate funding for this program entirely but I sincerely believe this would be a mistake. For the record I am one of those who voted in the majority against the reauthorization bill for this program when it was first brought to the House floor this spring. However, I do not believe that at the time of the vote many Members of the House, including myself, knew very much about the Commission. Since that time I have taken the time to look into the work of the Commission and I have no reservations about the importance of continuing limited Federal support for its work.

ACTION NEEDED: It is hoped (even by some House supporters) that when the Senate Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee considers HR 4121, the \$3 million level will be restored and eventually retained in a House-Senate conference. NHPRC supporters should write to the Senate subcommittee (list of members attached to 2/10 Newsletter) urging restoration of the \$3 million level. The current funding is \$4 million, so this is already a 25 percent reduction. Conte constituents should thank him for his support; Dannemeyer constituents should inform him of the national significance of the NHPRC records grant program.

Reauthorization. Supporters of NHPRC on the House Government Operations Committee do not intend to bring the NHPRC reauthorization bill to the floor for a second try this year. This decision was reached because the political climate for the rest of the session is so uncertain, and because House action on NHPRC funding for FY 1982 has already taken place. Technically this leaves the grant programs

without authorization, although the Commission has separate authority for limited activities. Brought up under suspension of the rules on May 15, HR 2979 was defeated by the House. A companion bill, S. 1050, extending NHPRC for two years at a \$3 million authorization, was passed by the Senate June 2.

Taxation - Manuscript Donations

The Presidential Task Force on the Arts and the Humanities will recommend restoration of a tax deduction for donations of manuscripts or art by the author or artist to libraries and museums, according to reports in the national press. Established this summer to consider the future of the Arts and Humanities Endowments and ways of stimulating private giving, the task force is scheduled to present its report and go out of business by the end of September.

The recommendation on manuscript donations is reported at this time because it appears that, at least in the Senate, a new tax bill is already being developed. The Senate Finance Committee is expected to hold hearings this month on measures to be included in a miscellaneous tax bill, although floor action may not come until next year. The task force recommendation gives added impetus to the manuscript donation bills already introduced and may help get such a measure included in any new tax bill.

ACTION NEEDED: See the 4/21 Newsletter for a review of all the bills introduced on this subject so far. Write to your own legislators and to Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (D-IL), Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and to Sen. Bob Packwood (R-OR), Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Taxation and Debt Management, urging hearings on this issue. Mention the upcoming task force recommendation. An important point to remember is that abuse of the tax deduction, which led to its elimination in 1969, was mainly by public officials. Papers of public officials are not eligible for a deduction in any of the measures introduced so far.

Department of Education

Future of Department. Early in August, Secretary of Education Terrel Bell sent the White House an option paper listing possible ways of dismantling the department, in line with his agreement to carry out President Reagan's campaign promise. The option paper has not been made public, but it reportedly contained four options. The one favored by Bell would convert the Education Department to a new federal foundation of less than Cabinet rank. Under this plan, existing programs would not be immediately affected, but later some functions could be transferred to other agencies or handed over to the states. Eventually the proposed National Education Foundation would be devoted largely to research and statistics functions, similar to the National Science Foundation.

A similar option would be to create an independent agency without Cabinet rank, but it was felt that under this option it would be more difficult to transfer functions elsewhere. A third option was to merge education into another Cabinet department, such as Health and Human Services, Labor or Commerce. A fourth was to disperse education functions among other existing agencies, with a presidential advisor on education to coordinate and advise on policy matters.

Commission on Excellence. Terrel Bell, Secretary of Education, has created a National Commission on Excellence in Education. University of Utah President David Pierpont Gardner will chair the commission. The 18-member list of appointees, mostly educators, includes Minnesota Governor and former Congressman Albert Quie. Among other activities, the commission is to hold hearings on the quality of learning and teaching in schools and colleges. Although a report is due in 18 months, Bell said he doesn't expect the Education Department to exist at that point.

Research Library Grants

The fourth round of grant awards for the Higher Education Act title II-C research library program has been made by the Education Department, based on a FY 1981 appropriation of \$6 million. The 30 grants include three joint projects, bringing the number of libraries receiving funds to 41 institutions in 25 states. This is the largest number of grant awards in II-C history. Almost half the grantees have not previously participated in the program. The following libraries received grants:

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Amount of Grant</u>
Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia	\$ 43,680
American Museum of Natural History	166,539
University of Arizona (2nd year of 2-year grant)	184,785
Boston Public Library (1st year of 2-year grant)	187,069
Brown University	165,000
Center for Research Libraries	122,809
University of Chicago (3rd year of 3-year grant)	55,820
Cleveland Public Library	80,306
Cornell University (2nd year of 3-year grant)	284,639
Dartmouth College	150,000
University of Florida (joint project with Emory Univ., Florida State Univ., Univ. of Georgia, Univ. of Kentucky, Univ. of Miami, Univ. of Tennessee, & Virginia Polytechnic Institute)	800,000
Harvard College	167,747
University of Hawaii	150,000
University of Illinois (1st year of 2-year grant)	120,000
Indiana University	145,000
Iowa State University	127,975
University of Michigan (3rd year of 3-year grant) (jointly with Michigan State Univ. & Wayne State Univ.)	300,000
Newberry Library	131,658
New York Public Library (in coop. with Columbia Univ. & New York Univ.)	662,816
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill	270,937
Ohio State University	179,000
University of South Carolina	172,000
University of Southern California	126,695
Southern Illinois University (1st year of 2-year grant)	180,000
Stanford University	209,013
University of Texas	174,000
University of Utah (1st year of 2-year grant)	110,883
University of Washington	175,025
University of Wisconsin-Madison	128,604
Yale University	228,000

LC Gift and Exchange, Surplus Books Programs

The Library of Congress has issued amended regulations to inform the public of LC's programs related to (1) the acquisition of materials for its collections by non-purchase means, such as exchange, gift, government sources, and transfer from other federal libraries, and (2) the disposition of surplus library material. Many libraries are eligible for donations of LC's surplus books. See the July 7 Federal Register (p. 35088) or inquire of Chief, Exchange and Gift Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

STATUS OF LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO LIBRARIANS 97th Congress, 1st Session Convened January 5, 1981 Chart Date: September 1, 1981	HOUSE					SENATE					FINAL ACTION		
	Introduced	Hearings	Reported by Subcommittee	Committee Report	Floor Action	Introduced	Hearings	Reported by Subcommittee	Committee Report Number	Floor Action	Conference Report	Final Passage	Public Law
Disaster Relief Act extension	HR 3537			96		S 1212, 1217	X		118				
Economic Recovery Tax Act	HR 4242			201	X	HJRes 266			144	X	215	X	PL 97-34
Elementary & Secondary Educ. Consolidation	HR 3645, 3941	X				S 1103	X						(PL 97-35)
FCC & NTIA authorization	HR 3239 & 40	X	X	84&83	X	S 821	X		73				(PL 97-35)
Information Science & Technology Act	HR 3137	X											
International Communications Reorg.	HR 1957	X	X	100		(S 821)			73				
Medical Library Assistance Act	HR 2562	X				S 800	X						(PL 97-35)
National Archives - Indep. Agency						S 1421							
NHPRC Extension	HR 2979			39	X	S 1050	X		85	X			
National Library & Info. Services Act						S 1431							
National Science Foundation Authorization	HR 1520	X		34		S 1194			72				
Older Americans Act Extension	HR 3046	X	X	70		S 1086			159				(PL 97-35)
Public Telecommunications	HR 3238	X	X	82	X	S 720	X		98				(PL 97-35)
Radio Deregulation						S 270	X						(PL 97-35)
Small Community Library Asst. Act	HR 3727												
Taxation - Manuscript donations	HR 2823, 2835, etc.					S 649, 851-2							
Taxation - Thor Power Tool ruling	HR 1016, 1936					S 578							
Telecommunications Competition & Dereg.						S 898	X		170				
Vocational Education Act extension	HR 66	X											(PL 97-35)
Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act	HR 3982			158	X	S 1377			139	X	208	X	PL 97-35
<u>Appropriations</u>													
Suppl., Rescission, Ext. Cont. Res., FY 1981	HR 3512	X	X	29	X	HR 3512	X	X	67	X	124	X	PL 97-12
Agriculture, FY 1982	HR 4119	X	X	172	X	HR 4119	X	X					
HUD & Independent Agencies, FY 1982	HR 4034	X	X	162	X	HR 4034	X	X	163	X			
Interior & Related Agencies, FY 1982	HR 4035	X	X	163	X	HR 4035	X	X	166				
Labor-HHS-Education, FY 1982		X					X						
Legislative Branch, FY 1982	HR 4120	X	X	170		HR 4120	X	X					
State, Justice, Commerce, FY 1982	HR 4169	X	X	130		HR 4169	X						
Treasury, Postal Service, FY 1982	HR 4121	X	X	171	X	HR 4121	X	X					

For bills, reports & laws write: House & Senate Doc. Rms., U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C. 20515 & 20510 respectively.