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Congressman John E. Fogarty (Democrat, R.I.) today introduced in the House of Representatives two bills which would provide support for the arts and humanities. The first bill, the National Arts Foundation Act of 1965, would implement the work of the National Council on the Arts. The National Council was established September 3, 1964 by public law through action taken by the 88th Congress.

The Council's function is advisory. Congressman Fogarty stated that "a National Arts Foundation would provide practical implementation for the Council." It would include a program of matching grants to States and to non-professional groups concerned with the development of the arts.

The second bill would establish a National Humanities Foundation which would include a program for the creative and performing arts. In addition, it would provide a broad support for the humanities which include the study of language, literature, history, and philosophy; archaeology; the history, criticism, and theory of the arts; the history of law, religion, and science; and those aspects of the social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods. Congressman Fogarty stated his feeling that these two bills provide a choice in the degree of leadership offered at the Federal level.

The first bill carries an appropriation of \$5 million, and the second an appropriation of \$10 million for the first fiscal year.

Congressman Fogarty stated his belief that the "intellectual and creative future of our nation is linked to recognition and support for the arts and humanities. Either bill would provide effective results far out of proportion to the dollars involved."

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