

AID TO FINE ARTS

MAY 15, 1961

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met at 10 a.m., pursuant to call, in room 429, Old House Office Building; Hon. Frank Thompson, Jr. (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Thompson and Martin.

Also present: Russell C. Derrickson, staff director; Charles E. Wilson, assistant education chief; Mary Corbin, clerk to the subcommittee; and George Frain, acting counsel.

Mr. THOMPSON. The subcommittee will be in order.

The Select Subcommittee on Education is meeting this morning for hearings on the bill H.R. 4172 by Mr. Thompson of New Jersey; on H.R. 413 by Mr. Kearns of Pennsylvania, an identical bill; H.R. 3250, an identical bill by Mr. Daniels of New Jersey; H.R. 5408, an identical bill by Mr. Lindsay of New York; H.R. 6484 by Mr. Halpern of New York; H.R. 3640 by Mrs. Bolton of Ohio; and I would like the record to show that in the other body on the bill S. 741, the proposition is introduced by Mr. Humphrey and cosponsored by Mr. Clark, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Douglas, of Illinois; Mr. Morse, of Oregon; Mr. Williams, of New Jersey; Mr. Cooper, of Kentucky; Mr. Javits, of New York; and Mr. Long, of Missouri.

Witnesses will be at liberty to testify also on the bill H.R. 4174, which I also introduced, and measures similar to it.

These are H.R. 1942 by Mr. Kearns, H.R. 2227 by Mr. Chelf, H.R. 2275 by Mr. Powell, H.R. 3509 by Mr. Celler, and the companion bill in the Senate is S. 785, which was introduced by Senator Clark, of Pennsylvania, and cosponsored by Senator Humphrey and Senator Pell.

(The bills referred to follow:)

[H.R. 4172, 87th Cong., 1st sess.]

A BILL To provide for the establishment of a Federal Advisory Council on the Arts to assist in the growth and development of the fine arts in the Nation's Capital and elsewhere in the United States

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress hereby finds and declares—

- (1) that the growth and flourishing of the arts depend upon freedom, imagination, and individual initiative;
- (2) that the encouragement of creative activity in the performance and practice of the arts, and of a widespread participation in and appreciation of the arts, is essential to the general welfare and the national interest;
- (3) that as workdays shorten and life expectancy lengthens, the arts will play an ever more important role in the lives of our citizens; and