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## 100th CONGRESS RETURNS FOR STRETCH DRIVE

The 100th Congress reconvened September 7 after a one-month absence, its members hoping to complete their work and return home for campaigning by the beginning of October. The agenda for this September is a lot less crowded than it has been in recent years. Nevertheless, there is a sense that the somewhat smooth sailing enjoyed thus far in this session of Congress may get bogged down in the partisan sniping of an increasingly bitter presidential election campaign.

Reflecting a push by the congressional leadership not to repeat last year's omnibus continuing resolution covering all appropriations for FY 1988, all 13 FY 1989 appropriations bills have made it through the House and Senate. Two have been signed by the President: those for Energy and Water Development and the HUD-Independent Agencies. The latter of these includes FY 1989 funding for the National Science Foundation (NSF). (For final NSF appropriations, see Update, August 5, 1988).

House-Senate conferees have completed action on three other appropriations bills: Interior, Labor/Health and Human Services/Education, and Treasury/Postal Service. The Interior bill allocated FY 1989 funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) at \$153.0 million, a 9% increase over both the

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request and the FY 1988 level. On the massive Labor bill, the conferees negotiated final spending figures for each program and then reduced that amount by a 1.2% across-the-board reduction. Thus, for some programs the final appropriation was below the House- and Senate-passed figures. The conference-reported figures are noted in the table below. (For earlier figures, see Update, August 5, 1988; for a description of programs, see Update, March 4, 1988.)

(numbers in millions)	
Employment & Training Administration - Research, Demonstration & Evaluation	\$ 13.4
Bureau of Labor Statistics - Federal funds	188.1
AIDS: Total HHS	1,223.7
NIH	607.0
ADAMHA	175.5
CDC	382.3
National Institutes of Health - Total	7,152.2
Non-AIDS	6,545.2
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development	426.2
National Institute on Aging	222.9
National Institute of Mental Health - Research	293.5
National Institute on Drug Abuse - Research	115.2
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism - Research	91.6
Policy Research - ASPE	7.9
National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research	53.5
International Education	30.3
International Business Education	0.7
Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education	11.9
Law School Clinical Experience	3.9
Patricia Roberts Harris Graduate Fellowships	15.7
Patricia Roberts Harris Public Service Fellowships	3.3
Jacob K. Javits Fellowships	7.9
Minority Participation in Graduate Education	3.5
Education research and dissemination	47.1
Education statistics	31.1
United States Institute of Peace	6.9

Congress could clear these three bills this week, though disputed language on federal funding of abortions may delay final passage of the Labor bill. The remaining eight appropriations bills are ready for House-Senate conferences. The goal is to avoid a Continuing Resolution (CR). However, with little time left in the session, and with the politics of the presidential election affecting the defense appropriations bill with disputes over spending on the strategic defense initiative and humanitarian aid to the Contras, a CR may be unavoidable.

Also looming is the possibility of the imposition of across-the-board budget reductions triggered by the sequestration provisions of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings. The OMB preliminary projection of the FY 1989 deficit indicates sequestration can be avoided if Congress remains within the spending guidelines set by the appropriations committees. However, if a number of initiatives were to pass between now and the beginning of the fiscal year, spending could top the \$146 billion deficit target and trigger the cuts. These measures include welfare reform, an anti-drug package, child care assistance, and a minimum-wage increase.

Reauthorizations of both the NSF and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) also await final action. The NSF bill is in conference with an agreement expected, though a presidential veto still looms over a "buy America" provision. The NIH bill is somewhat more complicated. The Senate has passed a comprehensive bill reauthorizing NIH. The House has passed a separate bill establishing a new institute on deafness and other communication disorders (H.R. 3361). On August 3, the Senate substituted its NIH reauthorization bill as H.R. 3361 and requested a conference with the House. Thus, H.R. 3361 will become the vehicle for the general reauthorization of NIH.

In addition, a Senate-passed AIDS research and education bill (S. 1220) is expected to be merged with a corresponding House bill (H.R. 5142) that includes provisions for voluntary, confidential AIDS testing and counseling. The resulting conference might lead to a comprehensive measure on AIDS this year.<<

#### NSF AWARDS GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION CENTER

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded a National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis (NCGIA) to a consortium of the University of California-Santa Barbara, the State University of New York at Buffalo, and the University of Maine at Orono. Approximately \$5.5 million will be provided to the consortium over a five-year period.

COSSA presented testimony in May 1987 to the Senate HUD-Independent Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, advocating the establishment of a center to foster development of more powerful

methods of using the vast amounts of geographic data being generated through techniques such as remote sensing into an increasing number of data banks. These methods, termed geographic information systems (GIS), enable scientists to understand complicated geographical interrelationships by providing them with much greater freedom to manipulate and display information.

Robert Aangeenbrug, Executive Director of the Association of American Geographers, noted that the award culminated a three-year effort initiated by geographers and allied social scientists that garnered unusual support and advice from scientists in the private and federal sectors. Aangeenbrug added "that investment in GIS will expand the research agenda of geography, allied social sciences, and the humanities."

Ron Abler, professor of geography at Penn State, and former program officer at NSF, noted that geographic information systems can have practical value, as well as stimulate scientific creativity. Abler suggested that "better theory, methods, hardware, and software developed through the Center may help to prevent administrative disasters or scientific errors." These systems can be utilized to help manage emergency situations such as population evacuations necessitated by natural catastrophes.

Michael Goodchild, professor of geography at the University of California-Santa Barbara, and David Simonett, dean of that school's Graduate Division, will direct the Center. Twelve projects will be initiated where researchers from a variety of social and natural sciences will work with engineers on specific problems associated with the development and use of GIS.

NSF will review the Center's activities annually, with a third-year review to determine subsequent funding for five more years. In addition, the Center is expected to attract augmented funding from industry and other government agencies.<<

#### **FREDERIC WAKEMAN RESIGNS AS SSRC PRESIDENT**

Frederic Wakeman, President of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), has announced his resignation, effective September 1989. Wakeman, who has headed the SSRC since July 1986, will return to his post as professor of history at the University of California at Berkeley.

The SSRC was founded in 1923 for the purpose of advancing research in the social sciences. Nongovernmental and interdisciplinary, it seeks to achieve its purpose through a wide variety of national and international fellowship and research programs. The Council seeks nominations and applications for Wakeman's replacement. Inquiries and nominations should be sent to: Chair, Presidential Search Committee, Social Science Research Council, 605 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10158.<<

PHILIP CONVERSE NAMED DIRECTOR OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE CENTER

The Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in Stanford, CA, has announced that Philip E. Converse will become its new director as of September 1, 1989. Converse, a professor of sociology and political science at the University of Michigan, is currently director of the Institute for Social Research. He replaces Gardner Lindzey, who has been director of the Center for 14 years (see Update, April 15, 1988).<<

1989-90 FULBRIGHT TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The U.S. Information Agency (USIA) has announced the initiation of its 1989-90 Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program, and individuals interested in participating in the Program have little time to waste; the deadline for applications is October 15. In order to be eligible, Program candidates must have at least a bachelor's degree and be U.S. citizens.

Teaching positions require three years of full-time teaching experience, while two years are required for seminar positions. Candidates currently must be employed full-time in the same subject areas and at the same teaching levels for which they apply in the Program. Fluency in foreign languages for certain non-English speaking countries is also required. Not all categories of applicants are eligible for exchange or seminar positions with all participating countries.

Usually, U.S. and foreign teachers exchange positions for one academic year, during which they continue to receive a salary from their home institutions. A limited number of one-way teaching assignments are also available. While the Teacher Exchange Program is subject to the availability of federal funds and international cooperation, USIA anticipates the participation of the following countries in the 1989-90 academic year:

Argentina	France	Panama
Belgium	Hungary	Philippines
Brazil	Iceland	Senegal
Canada	Italy	South Africa
Chile	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Columbia	Mexico	United Kingdom
Cyprus	Netherlands	West Germany
Denmark	Norway	

Seminars are currently planned in Italy and the Netherlands. Seminar participants may be provided with transportation, room and board, and/or tuition, depending on the program. To receive an application packet or request further information, contact the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program, E/ASX, United States Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547; 202/485-2555.<<

SOURCES OF RESEARCH SUPPORT: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

COSSA provides this information as a service, and encourages readers to contact the agency for further information or application materials.

Fulbright-Hays Training Grant Program

The Department of Education funds foreign research by U.S. scholars in three programs under the Fulbright-Hays Training Grants Program: Faculty Research Abroad; Group Projects Abroad; and Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad. Only applications focusing on one or more of the geographic regions listed under the Department of Education's priorities for the Fulbright-Hays Program will be funded. These regions are: Africa, the Western Hemisphere, East Asia, Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, the Near East, and South Asia.

Faculty Research Abroad: This program is open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. It funds research and study abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies by faculty members of institutions of higher education. Approximately 25 awards ranging from \$8,000 to \$60,000 for periods of between 3 months and a year will be made in FY 1989.

Group Projects Abroad: Open to U.S. citizens only, the Group Projects Abroad Program provides grants to nonprofit organizations or educational institutions for training, research, and study abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies by groups of individuals engaged in a common endeavor. About 38 awards will be made in FY 1989, ranging from \$20,000 to \$200,000 for projects lasting from six weeks to one year.

Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad: U.S. citizens and permanent residents are eligible for this program, which supports graduate students conducting dissertation research abroad in foreign languages or area studies. Approximately 95 awards will be made at an average of \$17,000, ranging in size from \$4,000 to \$50,000 and in duration from 6 months to a year.

Application Procedures: Full application packages are available from the address below.

Review Process: All applications are subject to peer review.

Deadline: October 31, 1988.

Contact: Faculty Research Abroad Program: Mrs. Merion Kane  
(202/732-3301)  
Group Projects Abroad: Dr. Stephney Keyser  
(202/732-3394)  
Dissertation Research Abroad: Mr. John Paul  
(202/732-3298)  
Dept. of Education, Mail Stop 3308  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202 <<

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**SOURCES OF RESEARCH SUPPORT: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**National Institute of Child Health and Human Development**

The Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development invites scientists to submit grant applications for the support of research on sexual behavior and risk of pregnancy, AIDS, and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) among American teenagers. While the consequences of teen pregnancy and childbearing are well-documented, less is known or understood about the use of contraception among teenagers. Concern has risen about the vulnerability of young adolescent females to behaviors that place them at risk of STDs, particularly AIDS.

A primary research goal is to understand how and why teens enter into sexual experiences that put them at risk of HIV as well as unintended pregnancy. Also at issue: When do teenagers initiate contraceptive or protective measures and why do they delay? Another topic for examination is the continuation of contraceptive or prophylactic practice once begun and the assessment of its effectiveness.

**Application Procedure:** Application booklets may be obtained from:

Office of Grant Inquiries  
Division of Research Grants  
National Institutes of Health  
Westwood Building, Room 449  
Bethesda, MD 20892  
301/496-7441

**Budget:** Contingent upon the availability of funding.

**Funding Mechanism:** At least one research project grant will be awarded; additional grants may be awarded, depending on the overall merit of the applications and the availability of funds. The current policies and requirements that govern the research grant program of the National Institutes of Health will prevail.

**Deadline:** October 24, 1988.

**Contact:** Sandra L. Hofferth  
Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch  
National Institute of Child Health  
and Human Development  
Executive Plaza North, Room 611  
Bethesda, MD 20892  
301/496-1174 <<

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