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[Report No. 106–137]

To preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1999

Mrs. WILSON (for herself, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. WATKINS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

MAY 13, 1999

Additional sponsors: Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. PASTOR, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. BILBRAY, and Mr. STUMP

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 6, 1999]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

4 *In this Act, the following definitions apply:*

5 (1) *ROUTE 66 CORRIDOR.*—*The term “Route 66*
6 *corridor” means structures and other cultural re-*
7 *sources described in paragraph (3), including—*

8 (A) *lands owned by the Federal Government*
9 *and lands owned by a State or local government*
10 *within the immediate vicinity of those portions*
11 *of the highway formerly designated as United*
12 *States Route 66; and*

13 (B) *private land within that immediate vi-*
14 *cinity that is owned by persons or entities that*
15 *are willing to participate in the programs au-*
16 *thorized by this Act.*

17 (2) *CULTURAL RESOURCE PROGRAMS.*—*The term*
18 *“Cultural Resource Programs” means the programs*
19 *established and administered by the National Park*
20 *Service for the benefit of and in support of preserva-*
21 *tion of the Route 66 corridor, either directly or indi-*
22 *rectly.*

23 (3) *PRESERVATION OF THE ROUTE 66 COR-*
24 *RIDOR.*—*The term “preservation of the Route 66 cor-*
25 *ridor” means the preservation or restoration of struc-*

1 *tures or other cultural resources of businesses, sites of*
 2 *interest, and other contributing resources that—*

3 *(A) are located within the land described in*
 4 *paragraph (1);*

5 *(B) existed during the route’s period of out-*
 6 *standing historic significance (principally be-*
 7 *tween 1926 and 1970), as defined by the study*
 8 *prepared by the National Park Service and enti-*
 9 *tled “Special Resource Study of Route 66”, dated*
 10 *July 1995; and*

11 *(C) remain in existence as of the date of en-*
 12 *actment of this Act.*

13 *(4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means*
 14 *the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Cul-*
 15 *tural Resource Programs at the National Park Serv-*
 16 *ice.*

17 *(5) STATE.—The term “State” means a State in*
 18 *which a portion of the Route 66 corridor is located.*

19 **SEC. 2. MANAGEMENT.**

20 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in collaboration*
 21 *with the entities described in subsection (c), shall facilitate*
 22 *the development of guidelines and a program of technical*
 23 *assistance and grants that will set priorities for the preser-*
 24 *vation of the Route 66 corridor.*

1 (b) *DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS.*—*The Secretary shall*
2 *designate officials of the National Park Service stationed*
3 *at locations convenient to the States to perform the func-*
4 *tions of the Cultural Resource Programs under this Act.*

5 (c) *GENERAL FUNCTIONS.*—*The Secretary shall—*

6 (1) *support efforts of State and local public and*
7 *private persons, nonprofit Route 66 preservation enti-*
8 *ties, Indian tribes, State Historic Preservation Of-*
9 *fices, and entities in the States for the preservation*
10 *of the Route 66 corridor by providing technical assist-*
11 *ance, participating in cost-sharing programs, and*
12 *making grants;*

13 (2) *act as a clearinghouse for communication*
14 *among Federal, State, and local agencies, nonprofit*
15 *Route 66 preservation entities, Indian tribes, State*
16 *historic preservation offices, and private persons and*
17 *entities interested in the preservation of the Route 66*
18 *corridor; and*

19 (3) *assist the States in determining the appro-*
20 *priate form of and establishing and supporting a*
21 *non-Federal entity or entities to perform the functions*
22 *of the Cultural Resource Programs after those pro-*
23 *grams are terminated.*

24 (d) *AUTHORITIES.*—*In carrying out this Act, the Sec-*
25 *retary may—*

1 (1) *enter into cooperative agreements, including*
2 *(but not limited to) cooperative agreements for study,*
3 *planning, preservation, rehabilitation, and restora-*
4 *tion related to the Route 66 corridor;*

5 (2) *accept donations of funds, equipment, sup-*
6 *plies, and services as appropriate;*

7 (3) *provide cost-share grants for projects for the*
8 *preservation of the Route 66 corridor (but not to ex-*
9 *ceed 50 percent of total project costs) and information*
10 *about existing cost-share opportunities;*

11 (4) *provide technical assistance in historic pres-*
12 *ervation and interpretation of the Route 66 corridor;*
13 *and*

14 (5) *coordinate, promote, and stimulate research*
15 *by other persons and entities regarding the Route 66*
16 *corridor.*

17 (e) *PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE.—*

18 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide*
19 *assistance in the preservation of the Route 66 corridor*
20 *in a manner that is compatible with the idiosyncratic*
21 *nature of the Route 66 corridor.*

22 (2) *PLANNING.—The Secretary shall not prepare*
23 *or require preparation of an overall management*
24 *plan for the Route 66 corridor, but shall cooperate*
25 *with the States and local public and private persons*

1 *and entities, State historic preservation offices, non-*
 2 *profit Route 66 preservation entities, and Indian*
 3 *tribes in developing local preservation plans to guide*
 4 *efforts to protect the most important or representative*
 5 *resources of the Route 66 corridor.*

6 **SEC. 3. RESOURCE TREATMENT.**

7 *(a) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—*

8 *(1) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall*
 9 *develop a program of technical assistance in the pres-*
 10 *ervation of the Route 66 corridor and interpretation*
 11 *of the Route 66 corridor.*

12 *(2) PROGRAM GUIDELINES.—As part of the tech-*
 13 *nical assistance program under paragraph (1), the*
 14 *Secretary shall establish guidelines for setting prior-*
 15 *ities for preservation needs for the Route 66 corridor.*
 16 *The Secretary shall base the guidelines on the Sec-*
 17 *retary's standards for historic preservation.*

18 *(b) PROGRAM FOR COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—*

19 *(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall coordi-*
 20 *nate a program of historic research, curation, preser-*
 21 *vation strategies, and the collection of oral and video*
 22 *histories of events that occurred along the Route 66*
 23 *corridor.*

24 *(2) DESIGN.—The program under paragraph (1)*
 25 *shall be designed for continuing use and implementa-*

1 *tion by other organizations after the Cultural Re-*
2 *source Programs are terminated.*

3 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 *There are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000*
5 *for the period of fiscal years 2000 through 2009 to carry*
6 *out the purposes of this Act.*

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