

Public Law 101-400
101st Congress

An Act

To authorize a study on methods to commemorate the nationally significant highway known as Route 66, and for other purposes.

Sept. 28, 1990

[S. 963]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Route 66
Study Act
of 1990.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Route 66 Study Act of 1990".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) United States Route 66, the 2,000 mile highway from Chicago, Illinois, to Santa Monica, California, played a significant role in the 20th-century history of our Nation, including the westward migration from the Dust Bowl and the increase in tourist travel;

(2) Route 66, an early example of the 1926 National Highway System program, transverses the States of Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California;

(3) Route 66 has become a symbol of the American people's heritage of travel and their legacy of seeking a better life and has been enshrined in American popular culture;

(4) although the remnants of Route 66 are disappearing, many structures, features, and artifacts of Route 66 remain; and

(5) given the interest by organized groups and State governments in the preservation of features associated with Route 66, the route's history, and its role in American popular culture, a coordinated evaluation of preservation options should be undertaken.

SEC. 3. STUDY AND REPORT BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.

(a) STUDY.—(1) The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the National Park Service and in cooperation with the respective States, shall coordinate a comprehensive study of United States Route 66. Such study shall include an evaluation of the significance of Route 66 in American history, options for preservation and use of remaining segments of Route 66, and options for the preservation and interpretation of significant features associated with the highway. The study shall consider private sector preservation alternatives.

(2) The study shall include participation by representatives from each of the States traversed by Route 66, the State historic preservation offices, representatives of associations interested in the preservation of Route 66 and its features, and persons knowledgeable in American history, historic preservation, and popular culture.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than two years from the date that funds are made available for the study referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary shall transmit such study to the Committee on Energy

and Natural Resources of the United States Senate and the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States House of Representatives.

(c) **LIMITATION.**—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize the National Park Service to assume responsibility for the maintenance of United States Route 66.

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated \$200,000 to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 963 (H.R. 3493):

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 101-637 accompanying H.R. 3493 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 101-89 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).

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Sept. 13, Senate concurred in House amendment.