

Public Law 91-332

JOINT RESOLUTION

July 10, 1970

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to provide for the commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of Yellowstone National Park, and for other purposes.

[H. J. Res. 546]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is directed to request the President to issue a proclamation designating the year 1972 as "National Parks Centennial Year", in recognition of the establishment on March 1, 1872, of the world's first national park, Yellowstone, which advanced a new concept of land use in setting aside an outstanding natural area in perpetuity for the benefit and enjoyment of the people.

National Parks
Centennial Year,
1972.
Proclamation.

SEC. 2. (a) There is hereby established a National Parks Centennial Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") to be composed of the following members:

Commission,
establishment.

(1) four Members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) four Members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(3) the Secretary of the Interior or his representative; and

(4) six persons to be appointed by the President from among persons not officers or employees of the Federal Government and who, in the judgment of the President, have outstanding knowledge and experience in the fields of natural and historical resource preservation and public recreation.

(b) The President shall designate one of the members appointed by him as Chairman of the Commission.

(c) The members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services as such, but members from the legislative branch shall be allowed necessary travel expenses as authorized by law for official travel, members of the executive branch shall be allowed necessary travel expenses in accordance with section 5702 of title 5, United States Code, and members appointed by the President shall be allowed necessary travel expenses as authorized by section 5 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (5 U.S.C. 5703). Staff of the Commission shall be allowed necessary travel expenses in accordance with section 5702 of title 5, United States Code.

Members, travel
expenses.

80 Stat. 498;
83 Stat. 190.

(d) Any vacancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers or functions, but shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

SEC. 3. The functions of the Commission shall be (1) to prepare, and execute, in cooperation with Federal, State, local, nongovernmental agencies and organizations, and appropriate international organizations, a suitable plan for commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of the worldwide national park movement by the establishment of Yellowstone National Park in 1872; (2) to coordinate the activities of such agencies and organizations undertaken pursuant to such plan; and (3) to provide, in cooperation with such agencies and organizations, host services for a world conference

Functions.

on National Parks in 1972, and to assist in representing the United States in the activities of such conference.

SEC. 4. The Commission may employ such personnel as may be necessary to carry out its functions, with or without regard to the provisions of the civil service laws or the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, in its discretion.

SEC. 5. (a) The Commission is authorized to accept donations of money, property, or personal services; to cooperate with public and private associations, and educational institutions; and to request advice and assistance from appropriate Federal departments or agencies in carrying out its functions. Such Federal departments and agencies are authorized to furnish the Commission such advice and assistance with or without reimbursement. To the extent it finds necessary, the Commission may, without regard to the laws and procedures applicable to Federal departments and agencies, make contracts, procure supplies, property, and services (including printing and publishing), and may exercise the powers needed to carry out its functions efficiently and in the public interest.

(b) The Director of the National Park Service or his designee shall be the Executive Director of the Commission. Financial and administrative services (including those related to budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, personnel, and procurement) shall be provided the Commission by the Department of the Interior, for which payment shall be made in advance, or by reimbursement, from funds of the Commission in such amounts as may be agreed upon by the Chairman of the Commission and the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That the regulations of the Department of the Interior for the collection of indebtedness of personnel resulting from erroneous payments (5 U.S.C. 5514) shall apply to the collection of erroneous payments made to or on behalf of a Commission employee, and regulations of said Secretary for the administrative control of funds (31 U.S.C. 665 (g)) shall apply to appropriations of the Commission.

(c) Beginning with the end of the calendar year in which the Commission is first established, the Commission shall submit annual reports of its activities and plans to the Congress. The Commission shall submit a final report of its activities, including an accounting of funds received and expended, to the Congress, not later than December 31, 1973, and shall cease to exist upon submission of said report.

(d) Upon termination of the Commission and after consultation with the Archivist of the United States and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, the Secretary of the Interior may deposit all books, manuscripts, miscellaneous printed matter, memorabilia, relics, and other similar materials of the Commission relating to the National Parks Centennial in Federal, State, or local libraries or museums or make other disposition of such materials. Other property acquired by the Commission remaining upon its termination may be used by the Secretary of the Interior for purposes of the national park system or may be disposed of as excess or surplus property. The net revenues, after payment of Commission expenses, derived from Commission activities shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States.

SEC. 6. There are authorized to be appropriated such sums, but not more than \$250,000, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That no part of such appropriations shall be available for obligation by the Commission until and unless at least \$300,000 in donations have been actually collected by the Commission from non-Federal sources.

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Personnel.

63 Stat. 954;
80 Stat. 443.
5 USC 5101
et seq.

Powers.

Executive
Director.

80 Stat. 477.

Reports to
Congress.

Commission,
termination.

Books, relics,
etc., disposition.

Appropriation.