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# S. 165

#### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

January 14 (legislative day, January 9), 1963

Mr. JAVITS (for himself, Mr. CLARK, Mr. HUMPHREY, and Mr. Pell) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare

## A BILL

To establish a United States National Arts Foundation.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SHORT TITLE
- 4 Section 1. This Act may be cited as the "United
- 5 States National Arts Foundation and Cultural Development
- 6 Act".
- 7 DECLARATION OF POLICY
- 8 SEC. 2. The Congress finds that Americans desire in-
- 9 creased opportunities to view and enjoy the visual and per-
- 10 forming arts; that the Nation's prestige and general welfare
- 11 will be promoted by recognizing the status of the visual and

- 1 performing arts as a cherished and valued part of the Nation's
- 2 cultural resources and by encouraging the development and
- 3 dissemination of these resources throughout the country; and
- 4 that it is desirable to establish an agency in the Federal
- 5 Government to provide such recognition and to stimulate
- 6 and assist the Nation's cultural progress.
- 7 ESTABLĪSHMENT OF FOUNDATION
- 8 SEC. 3. There is hereby established in the executive
- 9 branch of the Government an independent agency to be
- 10 known as the United States National Arts Foundation (here-
- 11 inafter referred to as the "Foundation").
- 12 TRUSTEES OF FOUNDATION
- 13 SEC. 4. (a) The Foundation shall be subject to the
- 14 general supervision and policy direction of a Board of
- 15 Trustees which shall consist of the Director of the Foundation
- 16 (hereinafter referred to as the Director) and twenty-four
- 17 members, such twenty-four members to be appointed by the
- 18 President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,
- 19 from among those individuals of the American public who
- 20 are widely recognized for their knowledge of or experience
- 21 in, or for their profound interest in, one or more of the visual
- 22 or performing arts and who collectively will provide an ap-
- 23 propriate balance of representation among the major art
- 24 fields cited in this Act. In making such appointments, the
- 25 President is requested to give due consideration to the recom-

- 1 mendations for nomination submitted to him by leading na-
- 2 tional organizations in these fields.
- 3 (b) The term of office of each trustee of the Foundation
- 4 shall be six years; except that the terms of the trustees first
- 5 taking office after the enactment of this Act shall expire, as
- 6 designated by the President at the time of appointment, eight
- 7 at the end of two years, eight at the end of four years, and
- 8 eight at the end of six years. A vacancy shall be filled only
- 9 for the unexpired portion of the term. Any person who has
- 10 been a trustee of the Foundation for twelve consecutive years
- 11 shall be ineligible for appointment during the following two-
- 12 year period: Provided, That the provisions of this subsection
- 13 shall not apply to the Director.
- 14 (c) The President shall call the first meeting of the
- 15 trustees of the Foundation, at which the first order of business
- 16 shall be the election of a Chairman and a Vice Chairman,
- 17 who shall serve until two years after the date of enactment
- 18 of this Act. Thereafter each Chairman and Vice Chairman
- 19 shall be elected for a term of two years in duration and each
- 20 such election shall take place at the annual meeting occurring
- 21 at the end of each such term. The Vice Chairman shall per-
- 22 form the duties of the Chairman in his absence. In case a
- 23 vacancy occurs in the chairmanship or vice chairmanship,
- 24 the Foundation shall elect an individual from among the
- 25 trustees to fill such vacancy.

- 1 (d) The trustees of the Foundation shall meet at the call
- 2 of the Chairman, but not less than four times each year. The
- 3 Chairman shall also call a meeting whenever one-third of the
- 4 trustees so request in writing. A majority of the trustees of
- 5 the Foundation shall constitute a quorum. Each trustee shall
- 6 be given notice, by registered mail mailed to his last known
- 7 address of record not less than fifteen days prior to any meet-
- 8 ing, of the call of such meeting.

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#### DIRECTOR OF FOUNDATION

- 10 Sec. 5. (a) The Director of the Foundation shall be
- 11 appointed by the President, by and with the advice and con-
- 12 sent of the Senate. In the appointment of the Director of the
- 13 Foundation, the President is requested to give due considera-
- 14 tion to any recommendations submitted to him by the Board
- 15 of Trustees. The Director shall serve as an ex officio trustee
- 16 of the Foundation. In addition, he shall be the chief execu-
- 17 tive officer of the Foundation. The Director shall receive
- 18 compensation at the rate of \$25,000 per annum and shall
- 19 serve for a term of six years unless previously removed by
- 20 the President: Provided, That at any time a majority of the
- 21 Board of Trustees may recommend the Director's removal to
- 22 the President.
- 23 (b) The Director may appoint, with the approval of the
- 24 Board of Trustees, a Deputy Director, who shall perform
- 25 such functions as the Director, with the approval of the

1	trustees, may prescribe, be Acting Director during the absence
2	or disability of the Director or in the event of a vacancy in
3	the office of the Director, and receive compensation at a rate
4	not to exceed \$20,000 per annum.
5	(c) The Director shall have general authority to carry
6	out and execute the programs of the Foundation on a full-
7	time, continuous basis, to recommend programs to the Foun-
8	dation, and to discharge such other functions as the Founda-
9	tion may delegate to him consistent with this Act.
10	(d) The Director and the Deputy Director shall be al-
11	lowed travel and subsistence expenses while away from their
$1\overline{2}$	homes or regular places of business in accordance with the
13	Travel Subsistence Act of 1949, as amended, and the Stand-
14	årdized Government Travel Regulations.
15	GENERAL POWERS OF FOUNDATION
<u>1</u> 6	SEC. 6. The Foundation is authorized to-
17	(1) stimulate and encourage cultural development
18	throughout the United States and to advance public in-
19	terest therein; and
20	(2) foster and encourage professional and civic and
21	nonprofit, private, public, educational, institutional, or
22	governmental groups which are engaged in or directly

concerned with the performing and visual arts.

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#### GRANTS TO GROUPS AND STATES

2 SEC. 7. (a) The Foundation is authorized to provide, 3 through direct grant or otherwise, financial assistance and 4 support from the funds appropriated to the Foundation or 5 otherwise obtained pursuant to section 8 (a) (3) or (4) of 6 this Act, to professional groups, groups meeting professional  $ar{7}$ standards, and educational groups engaged in or concerned 8 with the performing or visual arts, for the purpose of enabling 9 such groups to provide productions of the performing and 10 visual arts, (1) of both new works and existing works of these 11 arts, which have substantial artistic or historic significance, 12 giving preference to encouraging the works of residents of the 13 United States, and (2) of such types as would be unavailable 14 to audiences in many areas without such assistance. Such **15** groups shall be eligible for financial assistance only if no part 16 of net earnings inures to the benefit of any private stock-17 holder, or stockholders, or individuals or individuals, and if 18 such groups satisfy the standards of subsection (c) of sec-19 tion 170 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 so as to 20 authorize deductions from gross income of donations to such 21 The Foundation shall, wherever practicable, de-22 velop the principle of matching funds with interested public 23 or private agencies.

24 (b) (1) The Foundation is authorized to make grants 25 to assist the several States in supporting existing projects

and programs which are making a significant public contri-
bution in one or more of the performing or visual arts, and ir
developing programs and projects in these arts in such a man-
ner as will, in conjunction with existing programs and facili-
ties, furnish adequate programs, facilities, and services in
these arts to all the people and communities in each such
State. In order to receive such assistance in any fiscal year
a State shall submit an application for such grants prior to
the first day of such fiscal year and accompany such appli-
cation with a plan which the Foundation finds—
(A) designates a State agency (hereinafter in this
Act referred to as the "State agency") as the sole
agency for the administration of the State plan;
(B) provides that funds paid to the State under
this Act will be expended solely on programs and proj-
ects approved by the State agency which carry out one
or more of the objectives of this Act;
(C) provides that the State agency will make such
reports, in such form and containing such information
as the Foundation may from time to time require; and
(D) provides for the coordination of the projects
and programs carried out under the plan with the artis-
tic and cultural programs and activities of educational
and other public and nonprofit institutions in the State.

(2) Each State which has a plan approved by the

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1	Foundation in effect on the first day of the fiscal year begin-
2	ning July 1, 1964, or any succeeding fiscal year, shall be
3	entitled to a maximum allotment in any such fiscal year of an
4	amount equal to half the total amount appropriated to the
5	Foundation for such fiscal year divided by the total number
6	of States. In the event that any sum is remaining out of the
7	maximum allotment available for State grants in any fiscal
8	year after all allotments are made to States with approved
9	plans in effect on the first day of such fiscal year, the Founda-
<b>1</b> 0	tion, in its discretion, may grant such remaining sum or any
11	portion thereof to any group or State agency for projects and
<u>1</u> 2	programs which the Foundation finds will encourage the
13	visual and performing arts in areas where such assistance
14	will be of value.
15	(3) The amount of any grants allotted to any State
16	under this Act for any program or project shall not exceed
17	50 per centum of the total cost of such program or project.
18	(c) Whenever the Foundation, after reasonable notice
19	and opportunity for hearing to any group or State agency,
20	finds that—
21	(1) any such group is not complying substantially
$\hat{2}\hat{2}$	with the provisions of this Act;
23	(2) any such agency is not complying substantially
24	with the terms and conditions of its State plan approved

under this Act; or

1	(3) any funds granted to such group or agency
2	under this Act have been diverted from the purposes for
3	which they were allotted or paid
4	the Foundation shall immediately notify the Secretary of the
5	Treasury and the group or State agency concerned that no
6	further grants will be made under this Act with respect to such
7	group or State agency until there is no longer any default or
8	failure to comply or the diversion has been corrected, or, if
9	compliance or correction is impossible, until the group or
10	State repays or arranges the repayment of the Federal funds
11	which have been improperly diverted or expended.
12	ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS AND DUTIES
ļŜ	SEC. 8. (a) The Foundation is authorized to-
<b>L</b> 4	(1) prescribe such rules and adopt such bylaws as
15	it deems necessary governing the manner of its operation
16	and its organization and personnel;
<u>1</u> 7	(2) make expenditures, and enter into contracts or
18	other arrangements, as may be necessary for administer-
19	ing the provisions of this Act, without regard to the
20	provisions of section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (4
<u>21</u>	U.S.C. 5);
22	(3) acquire by loan or gift, and to hold and dispose
23	of by sale, lease, or loan, real and personal property of
24:	all kinds necessary for, or resulting from, the exercise
25	of authority granted by this Act:

1	(4) receive and use funds or marked gifts or prop-
$\hat{2}$	erty donated by others, if such funds are donated with
3	out restriction other than that they be used in further-
4	ance of one or more of the general purposes of the
5	Foundation;
6	(5) accept and utilize the services of voluntary and
7	uncompensated personnel;
8	(6) pay fees for and enter into contracts with per-
9	sons for the performance of services required by the
10	Foundation;
11	(7) pay to persons rendering services to the Foun
12	dation, whether on an uncompensated basis or on a fee or
13	contract basis as provided in paragraphs (5) and (6) or
<u>[4</u>	this subsection, travel and subsistence expenses while away
15	from their homes or regular places of business in accord
16	ance with the Travel Expense Act of 1949, as amended
17	and the Standardized Government Travel Regulations
18	and
19	(8) maintain an office in the District of Columbia
20	(b) The Foundation may appoint committees, councils
21	or panels concerned with particular regions of the country of
22	with particular aspects of the arts, or both, and composed o
23	persons who need not be trustees of the Foundation.

(c) The Foundation shall not itself produce or present
any production.

1 (d) The Foundation shall render an annual report to

2 the President for submission on or before the 15th day of

3 January to the Congress, summarizing the activities of the

4 Foundation and making such recommendations as it may

5 deem appropriate.

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#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

7 SEC. 9. (a) The Director shall, in accordance with such 8 policies as the Foundation shall from time to time prescribe. 9 appoint and fix the compensation of such personnel as may 10 be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act. Such 11 appointments shall be made and such compensation shall be 12 fixed in accordance with the provisions of the civil service 13 laws and regulations and the Classification Act of 1949, as 14 amended, except that the Director may, in accordance with such policies as the Foundation shall from time to time pre-15 16 scribe, employ such technical and professional personnel or 17 personnel with experience in or relating to any of the performing or visual arts, and fix their compensation without 18 regard to such laws, as he may deem necessary for the dis-19 charge of the responsibilities of the foundation under this 20 Act, the Deputy Director and the members of the councils, 21 22 committees, or panels, shall be appointed without regard to 23 the civil service laws or regulations; except that neither the Director nor the Deputy Director shall engage in any other 24 25 business, vocation, or employment than that of serving as

- 1 such Director or Deputy Director; or hold any office in, or act
- 2 in any capacity for, any organization, agency, or institution
- 3 with which the Foundation makes any contract or other ar-
- 4 rangement under this Act.
- 5 (b) The trustees of the Foundation, and the members of
- 6 the councils, committees, and panels shall receive compensa-
- 7 tion at the rate of up to \$50 for each day in which they are
- 8 actually engaged in the business of the Foundation pursuant
- 9 to authorization of the Foundation, and shall be allowed
- 10 travel and subsistence expenses while away from their homes
- 11 or regular places of business in accordance with the Travel.
- 12 Subsistence Act of 1949, as amended, and the Standardized
- 13 Government Travel Regulations.
- 14 (c) Persons holding other offices in the executive
- 15 branch of the Federal Government may serve as members
- 16 of the councils, committees, or panels, but they shall not
- 17 receive remuneration for their services as such members
- 18 during any period for which they receive compensation for
- 19 their services in such other offices.
- 20 (d) Service of an individual as a trustee or employee
- 21 of the Foundation, or a council, committee, or panel, shall
- 22 not be considered as service bringing him within the provi-
- 23 sions of section 281 or 283 of title 18 of the United States
- 24 Code or section 99 of title 5 of such Code, unless the act of

- 1 such individual, which by such section is made unlawful when
- 2 performed by an individual referred to in such sections, is with
- 3 respect to any particular matter which directly involves the
- 4 Foundation or in which the Foundation is directly interested.
- 5 (e) Agencies of the United States are authorized to
- 6 render assistance to the Foundation by the donation or loan
- 7 of employee services and by the donation or loan of supplies,
- 8 office or building space, or other property, either on a reim-
- 9 bursable or nonreimbursable basis.

#### 10 APPROPRIATIONS

- SEC. 10. (a) For the purpose of carrying out the pro-
- 12 visions of this Act, there is hereby authorized to be appropri-
- ated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964, such sum, not
- 14 exceeding \$5,000,000, and for each fiscal year thereafter
- such sum, not exceeding \$10,000,000 annually, as the Con-
- 16 gress may determine. The moneys appropriated to the Foun-
- 17 dation shall remain available for expenditure for two years
- 18 following the expiration of the fiscal year for which appropri-
- 19 ated.
- 20 (b) Moneys received by the Foundation under section
- 21 8(a) (3) and (4) of this Act, shall not be covered into the
- 22 Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, but shall be kept in a
- 23 special account, maintained by the Treasury Department, or
- 24 kept by the Foundation in commercial banking institutions,

- 1 or invested in securities eligible for trust funds in the District
- 2 of Columbia, and shall be available to the Foundation for
- 3 the purposes of this Act.
- 4 (c) The Director shall determine any payments to be
- 5 made under this Act and certify to the Secretary of the
- 6 Treasury the amounts thereof. Upon receipt of such cer-
- 7 tification, the Secretary of the Treasury shall, prior to audit
- 8 or settlement by the General Accounting Office, pay in accord-
- 9 ance with such certification. Sums allotted to any group
- 10 or State for any fiscal year under this Act and not transferred
- 11 during that fiscal year shall remain available to such group
- 12 or State for the same purposes for the next fiscal year in
- 13 addition to the sums allotted for such next fiscal year.

#### 14 DEFINITIONS AND TITLE

- 15 SEC. 11. As used in this Act—
- 16 (a) The term "visual and performing arts" (1) means
- 17 the arts of drawing, painting, sculpture, graphic, photo-
- 18 graphic and craft arts, and architecture and allied arts; and
- 19 (2) means the arts related to performance of theatrical
- 20 plays, dance, ballet and choral performances, and perform-
- 21 ances of musical works (instrumental, voice, and/or op-
- 22 eratic), including the arts of acting, directing, staging,
- 23 scenic and costume design.
- 24 (b) The term "productions" means plays (with or with-
- 25 out music), ballets, dance and choral performances, exhibi-

- 1 tions, readings, concerts, recitals, operas, and any other
- 2 performances before members of the public involving the
- 3 execution or rendition of any of the visual or performing arts
- 4 and meeting such standards as may be established by the
- 5 Foundation.
- 6 (c) The term "group" includes any society, institution,
- 7 organization, or association, whether or not incorporated.

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