

Public Law 94-539  
94th Congress

An Act

To authorize the establishment of the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site, to provide for a cooperative agreement in the operation of the Cherokee Strip Living Museum and for other purposes.

Oct. 18, 1976  
[S. 2398]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to accept the donation of, or purchase with funds donated for the acquisition of, all or any part of the property (comprising approximately fourteen acres) and improvements thereon at Danville, California, formerly owned by Eugene O'Neill. Such property is hereby designated as the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in commemoration of the contribution of Eugene O'Neill to American literature and drama.

Eugene O'Neill  
National Historic  
Site, Calif.  
Designation.  
16 USC 461 note.

SEC. 2. The national historic site established pursuant to this Act if acquired by the Secretary of the Interior shall be administered by him in accordance with the provisions of the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), as amended and supplemented, and the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666), as amended, as a memorial to Eugene O'Neill and a park for the performing arts and related educational programs. Whether acquired or not, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized directly or by means of cooperative agreements with the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House, to preserve, interpret, restore, program, adapt for public use and/or provide technical assistance for the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in accordance with the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That prior to entering into any cooperative agreement the Secretary shall transmit a copy of the proposed agreement together with a report explaining the reasons for the agreement to the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives.

43 USC 1457.  
16 USC 1.

Cooperative  
agreement and  
report,  
transmittal to  
congressional  
committees.

TITLE II

SEC. 201. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to accept, subject to the consummation of the cooperative agreement referred to in Section 202, the donation of the Cherokee Strip Living Museum in Arkansas City, Kansas, and may administer such museum in accordance with such authorities as are available to him.

Cherokee Strip  
Living Museum,  
Kans.

SEC. 202. The Secretary may enter into a cooperative agreement with any responsible and competent organization satisfactory to him for

Cooperative  
agreement.

the management and operation of the museum, and is authorized to render such technical advice and operating assistance as he may deem appropriate, the conditions of which are to be provided for in the cooperative agreement.

Approved October 18, 1976.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**HOUSE REPORT** No. 94-1681 accompanying H.R. 9126 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs).

**SENATE REPORT** No. 94-809 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs).

**CONGRESSIONAL RECORD**, Vol. 122(1976):

May 13, considered and passed Senate.

Sept. 27, considered and passed House, amended, in lieu of H.R. 9126.

Oct. 1, Senate agreed to House amendments with an amendment; House agreed to Senate amendment with an amendment; Senate concurred in House amendment.

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Oct. 19, Presidential statement.