



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

April 30, 1999

H.R. 66

A bill to preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on April 28, 1999

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that the National Park Service (NPS) would spend \$5 million over the next five years to implement H.R. 66. The government would spend another \$5 million over the following five years. Because H.R. 66 would allow the NPS to accept donations, the bill could affect federal revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. We estimate, however, that any amounts collected would be insignificant. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. State, local, and tribal governments might incur some costs as a result of the bill's enactment, but these costs would be voluntary.

H.R. 66 would direct the Secretary of the Interior (acting through the NPS) to create a program for preserving the Route 66 corridor. For that purpose, the NPS would be authorized to accept donations, conduct research, make grants, execute cost-sharing agreements, and provide technical assistance to nonfederal parties. The bill would authorize the appropriation of a total of \$10 million over the 2000-2009 period for these purposes.

Based on information provided by the NPS and assuming appropriation of the \$10 million authorized, CBO estimates that the agency would spend about \$5 million between 2000 and 2004. We estimate that about \$3 million would be used to establish guidelines and programs required by the bill in 2000 and 2001. The NPS would need about \$1 million annually thereafter to carry out the new programs.

On March 11, 1999, CBO prepared a cost estimate for S. 292, a similar bill that was ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 4, 1999. The estimated costs of these bills are identical.

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