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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 1520

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 5 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 27), 1993

Mr. DANFORTH (for himself and Mr. BOND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3        **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Ozark Heritage Con-  
5        servation Act”.

6        **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7        The purposes of this Act are to—

1           (1) recognize the important contribution made  
2           to American culture and history by those who settled  
3           in the Ozarks region of south-central Missouri;

4           (2) assist local and State governments and  
5           other public and private entities in the State of Mis-  
6           souri in interpreting the unique interplay between  
7           the Ozark landscape, including the Ozark National  
8           Scenic Riverway and the Mark Twain National For-  
9           est, and the development of the Ozark folk culture;  
10          and

11          (3) assist local and State governments and  
12          other public and private entities in the State of Mis-  
13          souri in conserving the rich folk culture of the Ozark  
14          settlers and their descendants for the benefit and  
15          education of the public.

16 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR OZARK HERITAGE CENTER.**

17          (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior is  
18          authorized to establish a center for the conservation and  
19          interpretation of Ozark culture within the State of  
20          Missouri.

21          (b) AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSTRUCTION.—The Sec-  
22          retary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the  
23          National Park Service, is authorized to construct a visitor  
24          center for the Ozark National Scenic Riverways. Such visi-  
25          tor center shall be located on lands under the administra-

1 tive jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture at the site  
2 of the United States Forest Service Van Buren District  
3 Ranger Station within the Mark Twain National Forest.  
4 The Secretary of Agriculture shall enter into such ar-  
5 rangements with the Secretary of the Interior as may be  
6 necessary to permit the construction of such visitor center.

7 (c) OPERATION.—The center shall be operated by the  
8 Director of the National Park Service in cooperation with  
9 the chief of the United States Forest Service. The Sec-  
10 retary may contract with public and private entities for  
11 the operation of the center, at the discretion of the Sec-  
12 retary, in accordance with program standards approved by  
13 the Secretary.

14 (d) INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM.—The center shall pro-  
15 vide interpretive services for the Ozark National Scenic  
16 Riverways and the Mark Twain National Forest and shall  
17 function as a regional cultural center for the study of  
18 Ozark folklife, history, and culture.

19 (e) APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be ap-  
20 propriated to the Secretary of the Interior not more than  
21 \$7,000,000 for construction of the center referred to in  
22 subsection (b). There is authorized to be appropriated to  
23 the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agri-  
24 culture such sums as may be necessary for operation of  
25 such center.

1 **SEC. 4. STUDY.**

2       Within one year after the date of enactment of this  
3 Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall prepare and trans-  
4 mit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the United  
5 States House of Representatives and the Committee on  
6 Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Sen-  
7 ate an initial study of Ozark culture in Missouri. The Sec-  
8 retary shall consult with the Director of the American  
9 Folklife Center of the Library of Congress, and any other  
10 sources the Secretary deems appropriate, in the prepara-  
11 tion of such study.

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