

used in determining such eligibility, and the effect, if any, of such listing or finding of eligibility.

**PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF INTANGIBLE ASPECTS OF AMERICAN CULTURAL HERITAGE; REPORT TO PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS**

Section 502 of Pub. L. 96-515 directed Secretary, in cooperation with American Folklife Center of Library of Congress, to submit within two years after Dec. 12, 1980, a report to President and Congress on preserving and conserving the intangible elements of our cultural heritage such as arts, skills, folklife, and folkways, the report to take into account the view of other public and private organizations, as appropriate, and to include recommendations for legislative and administrative actions by Federal Government in order to preserve, conserve, and encourage the continuation of the diverse traditional prehistoric, historic, ethnic, and folk cultural traditions that underlie and are a living expression of our American heritage.

**COORDINATED SYSTEM OF CULTURAL PARKS AND HISTORIC CONSERVATION DISTRICTS; COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AND FORMULATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS; REPORT TO PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS**

Section 506 of Pub. L. 96-515 directed Secretary to undertake a comprehensive study and formulate recommendations for a coordinated system of cultural parks and historic conservation districts that provide for preservation, interpretation, development, and use by public and private entities of prehistoric, historic, architectural, cultural, and recreational resources found in definable urban areas throughout the Nation; the study to propose alternatives concerning management and funding of such system by public and private entities and by various levels of government; and directed Secretary to submit a report of his study and recommendations to President and Congress within two years after Dec. 12, 1980.

**FIRE IN HISTORIC PROPERTIES; PROTECTIVE MEASURES; REPORT TO PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS**

Section 507 of Pub. L. 96-515 directed Secretary, in cooperation with Secretary of the Treasury, Administrator of United States Fire Administration, and Administrator of Federal Insurance Administration, to submit a report to President and Congress on fire in historic properties, such report to include a review of Federal laws to determine any relationship between these laws and arson or fire by 'suspicious origin', to make recommendations respecting amendments to such laws should a correlation be found to exist, to include the feasibility and necessity of establishing or developing protective measures at the Federal, State, or local level for the prevention, detection, and control of arson or fire by 'suspicious origin' in historic properties, to include recommendations regarding the Federal role in assisting the States and local governments with protecting historic properties from damage by fire, and to be submitted within eighteen months after Dec. 12, 1980.

**§ 470a-1. World Heritage Convention**

**(a) United States participation**

The Secretary of the Interior shall direct and coordinate United States participation in the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, approved by the Senate on October 26, 1973, in cooperation with the Secretary of State, the Smithsonian Institution, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Whenever possible, expenditures incurred in carrying out activities in cooperation with other nations and international organizations shall be paid for in such excess currency of the country or area where the ex-

pense is incurred as may be available to the United States.

**(b) Nomination of property to World Heritage Committee**

The Secretary of the Interior shall periodically nominate properties he determines are of international significance to the World Heritage Committee on behalf of the United States. No property may be so nominated unless it has previously been determined to be of national significance. Each such nomination shall include evidence of such legal protections as may be necessary to ensure preservation of the property and its environment (including restrictive covenants, easements, or other forms of protection). Before making any such nomination, the Secretary shall notify the Committee on Natural Resources of the United States House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate.

**(c) Nomination of non-Federal property to World Heritage Committee**

No non-Federal property may be nominated by the Secretary of the Interior to the World Heritage Committee for inclusion on the World Heritage List unless the owner of the property concurs in writing to such nomination.

(Pub. L. 96-515, title IV, §401, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 3000; Pub. L. 103-437, §6(d)(28), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4584.)

**CODIFICATION**

Section was enacted as part of the National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980, and not as part of the National Historic Preservation Act, Pub. L. 89-665, which is classified generally to this subchapter.

**AMENDMENTS**

1994—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-437 substituted "Natural Resources" for "Interior and Insular Affairs" after "Committee on".

**§ 470a-2. Federal undertakings outside United States; mitigation of adverse effects**

Prior to the approval of any Federal undertaking outside the United States which may directly and adversely affect a property which is on the World Heritage List or on the applicable country's equivalent of the National Register, the head of a Federal agency having direct or indirect jurisdiction over such undertaking shall take into account the effect of the undertaking on such property for purposes of avoiding or mitigating any adverse effects.

(Pub. L. 96-515, title IV, §402, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 3000.)

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**§ 470b. Requirements for awarding of grant funds**

**(a) Grant applications; amounts; reports; conditions**

No grant may be made under this subchapter—  
(1) unless application therefor is submitted to the Secretary in accordance with regulations and procedures prescribed by him;