

Senator ERVIN. \$225,000, that is after the acreage was reduced as it was by the House Committee amendment. It could be developed over a period of years and ultimately it is thought that it would require an expenditure of about \$952,000 for development expenses. What is contemplated is that there will be a small fee which will be charged for viewing the premises, and that ultimately the small fee will take up the cost of administration and perhaps recoup money for the Government to take care of the original cost.

This place is situated in a very beautiful area of North Carolina, about 16 miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway, which is traveled by millions of people annually. There is no doubt that it will be, in all probability, ultimately a revenue-producing measure.

I would like to say that my colleague, Senator Jordan, who is necessarily absent, concurs in the statement which I make to the committee and in the statement made by Congressman Taylor, which I ask to have included in the record.

Senator Moss. Thank you, Senator.
(The statement referred to follows:)

STATEMENT OF HON. ROY A. TAYLOR, A U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN
CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. Chairman, this bill would acquire the 241-acre home place of the late Carl Sandburg at Flat Rock, North Carolina, and about six additional acres needed for development, and establish it as a national historic site.

Here, in 1945, Carl Sandburg brought his family to begin the last chapter in his rich and valuable career. He lived here until his death on July 22, 1967, which is longer than he lived at any other place. The Department of Interior originally recommended acquiring 35 additional acres adjoining the Sandburg property for a visitors center and a parking lot, at a total cost of \$415,000. Members of the House Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation questioned the advisability of this additional acquisition, since the property was very expensive, and requested that a new look be taken at the proposition to see if it would not be possible to locate these improvements on the Sandburg property itself. After additional field studies, the Interior Department presented an alternate plan which would include only the Sandburg property and six additional acres, reducing the acquisition cost by \$190,000, to a new total of \$225,000. The Department has taken options on all needed property.

Mrs. Taylor and I visited the Sandburg home place last fall and enjoyed talking with the vivacious Mrs. Sandburg. The home and beautiful surroundings can be taken just as the great poet left them, with his furnishings, books, and mementos which reflect his life and personality. I have never seen a home which reflects the personality of a great man so thoroughly as does the Sandburg home, unless it was Sagamore Hill, home of President Theodore Roosevelt, on Long Island.

Modest admission fees could be charged under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, and receipts in all probability would pay the cost of maintenance and operation, and, over a period of years, reimburse the Government for the acquisition and development costs. This home is located only 15 miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway, traveled by millions of visitors from all over America.

Mrs. Sandburg is anxious to have this bill passed and to have the property preserved as a historic site, and she has volunteered to donate most of her husband's personal and literary effects to the Nation. On February 11, 1959, Carl Sandburg stood before a joint session of Congress and delivered an address to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of President Lincoln. Carl Sandburg belongs to all the people of America.

Senator Moss. I notice this is described as a farm. Is there any possibility that some farming might be carried on, on the land, even after it has been set aside as a memorial?

Senator ERVIN. That is possible, but it is really not great farming country, because it is in a very rugged area.