

WORLD'S FAIR APPROPRIATION BILL

This bill establishes a commission to plan, construct, and maintain an Illinois exhibit at the New York World's Fair to be held in 1964. It carries an appropriation of \$1,000,000.

The commission would be composed of five representatives, five senators, and five public members appointed by the Governor. The Governor would also appoint a chairman and vice-chairman and the executive director of the Board of Economic Development would serve as secretary.

The State's share of this exhibit would be paid out of the agricultural premium fund. It is expected that an amount at least equal to this State appropriation will be raised by the commission from industry, business, and individuals in Illinois so that we can have one of the most attractive, interesting and outstanding exhibits at the New York World's Fair. A number of Illinois companies have already indicated they will financially support this project if the State appropriates money for this purpose.

The World's Fair officials have already set aside one of the most desirable locations on the entire fairgrounds for the Illinois exhibit. This location is between the Administration Building and the United States Government exhibit at one of the main gates.

The World's Fair Corporation has predicted that at least seventy million persons will attend the New York Fair (this estimate is based on the fine attendance at the Seattle World's Fair last year). This bill represents a wonderful opportunity for the State of Illinois to show the world its industrial, educational, tourist, recreational, cultural and other advantages.

A large number of companies, foreign countries, and states have already made commitments to participate in this Fair. So far the following states have appropriated or budgeted funds for an exhibit at the New York World's Fair:

New York State	\$7,000,000
New Jersey	500,000
West Virginia	750,000
Maryland	1,000,000
Hawaii	2,300,000
Florida	1,000,000
New England (6 states)	2,400,000
Missouri	500,000
Alaska	750,000
Minnesota	200,000
Georgia	1,000,000
New Mexico	500,000
Arkansas	500,000

New York World's Fair
State Exhibits

	<u>Tentative Budget Estimates*</u>	<u>Tentative State Funds*</u>
Federal	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
Alaska	700,000	600,000
California	2,500,000	0
Florida	3,000,000	1,000,000
Hawaii	3,000,000	2,300,000
Kansas	500,000	?
Kentucky	100,000	?
Louisiana	1,000,000	?
Maryland	1,200,000	1,000,000
Minnesota	1,000,000	0
Missouri	1,000,000	500,000
Montana	100,000	?
New England States (6)	3,500,000	2,700,000
Connecticut		460,000
Maine		460,000
Massachusetts		1,130,000
New Hampshire		320,000
Rhode Island		140,000
Vermont		190,000
New Jersey	1,500,000	500,000
New Mexico	750,000	250,000
New York City	2,000,000	2,000,000
New York State	7,000,000	7,000,000
Oklahoma	750,000	?
Pennsylvania	1,500,000	700,000
Tennessee	500,000	250,000
Texas	1,000,000	0
Virgin Islands	500,000	0
West Virginia	1,000,000	750,000
Wisconsin	500,000	?

*Approximate figures based on best information available.

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ILLINOIS EXHIBITION AT NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR
(House Bills 835 and 836)

House Bill 836 establishes a commission to plan, construct, and maintain an Illinois exhibit at the New York World's Fair to be held in 1964-65. It carries an appropriation of \$1,000,000.

The commission would be composed of five Representatives, five Senators, and seven public members appointed by the Governor. The Governor would also appoint a chairman and vice-chairman and the executive director of the Board of Economic Development would serve as secretary.

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Alaska	\$ 600,000	New England States (6)	\$2,700,000
Florida	1,000,000	Connecticut	460,000
Hawaii	2,300,000	Maine	460,000
Maryland	1,000,000	Massachusetts	1,130,000
Missouri	500,000	New Hampshire	320,000
New Jersey	500,000	Rhode Island	140,000
New Mexico	250,000	Vermont	190,000
New York State	7,000,000		
Tennessee	250,000		
West Virginia	750,000		

In addition, the City of New York has appropriated \$2,000,000 for an exhibit and the Federal Government will build a \$17,000,000 exhibit. A number of other states are currently considering participation but have not yet reached a decision.

The companion bill (H. B. 835) amends the Illinois Horse Racing Act to add the New York World's Fair as one of the purposes for which the Agricultural Premium Fund may be spent. The other revisions in this bill were suggested by Legislative Reference Bureau to delete obsolete or repetitive language in the Horse Racing Act.