

Public Law 99-418  
99th Congress

An Act

Sept. 23, 1986  
[S. 2462]

To provide for the awarding of a special gold medal to Aaron Copland.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

Music.

31 USC 5111  
note.

**SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Congress finds that—

(1) Aaron Copland has contributed to American music as a composer, a pianist, a lecturer, an author, and an organizer of various musical societies;

(2) Aaron Copland has composed patriotic musical works, such as “Lincoln Portrait”, which was composed during World War II as a patriotic tribute to the United States and distributed worldwide;

(3) Aaron Copland has enjoyed great popularity and critical acclaim as evidenced by his receiving many awards, including a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Pulitzer Prize, an Academy Award, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom; and

(4) Aaron Copland is referred to as the “dean” of American musical composition as the result of his contributions to American music.

(b) **STATEMENT OF POLICY.**—The incomparable contributions of Aaron Copland to American musical composition should be recognized by awarding him a special congressional gold medal.

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**SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT GOLD MEDAL.**

The President is authorized to present on behalf of the Congress 1 gold medal of appropriate design to Aaron Copland.

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**SEC. 3. PRODUCTION OF GOLD MEDALS AND PRODUCTION AND SALE OF BRONZE MEDALS.**

(a) **PRODUCTION OF GOLD MEDAL.**—The Secretary of the Treasury shall coin 1 gold medal and shall deliver the medal to the President for presentation under section 2. The gold medal shall contain suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary.

(b) **PRODUCTION AND SALE OF BRONZE DUPLICATE MEDALS.**—The Secretary of the Treasury may coin and sell bronze medals which are duplicates of the gold medal coined pursuant to subsection (a) under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost of the gold medal and such duplicates, including the cost of labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead.

**SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

There are authorized to be appropriated for any fiscal year beginning on or after October 1, 1986, not to exceed \$20,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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note.**SEC. 5. EFFECT ON OTHER LAW.**

The medals provided for in this Act are national medals for the purpose of section 5111 of title 31, United States Code.

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Approved September 23, 1986.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 2462 (H.R. 3041):**

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Aug. 15, considered and passed Senate.

Sept. 9, H.R. 3041 considered and passed House; proceedings vacated and S. 2462 passed in lieu.