

To Sponsor National Folklore Center

Senator Clifford P. Case announced he will be a prime Senate sponsor of legislation to operate a National Folklore Center at the Library of Congress.

The purpose of the Center at the Library will be to do all possible to support and encourage the study and performance of folklife arts across the nation.

"America is a pluralistic nation," Senator Case said, "with

a rich ethnic and racial heritage. Many arts and crafts native to this country or brought to American shores from abroad are in danger of being lost unless action is taken to identify individuals and groups who possess these talents and encourage their continuation.

"A National Folklife Center in the Library of Congress can carry out the task of preservation of our folklife heritage and encouragement of folklife displays and performances in the

United States.

"The Center will have a Board of Trustees that will include the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities as well as Library Members and officials of Federal Departments concerned with American folklife traditions and arts.

"Under the proposed Charter for the Center, the Center will be enabled to receive funds contributed by individuals, groups and foundations who wish to support the activities of the Folklife Center.

"The Center will encourage a wide range of folklife activities whether these are found in our cities with their rich ethnic diversity, or in rural areas. I am pleased to support this measure and I know it will be warmly received by many who are concerned with preserving our nation's cultural richness.