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of the founding of the United States Botanic Garden.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 17 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 22), 1994

Mr. JOHNSTON (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. BREAU, Mr. PELL, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. WARNER, Mr. GORTON, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. DECONCINI, Mr. BOND, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. REID, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOREN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. EXON, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FORD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEFLIN, Mr. HELMS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MATHEWS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. METZENBAUM, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. RIEGLE, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SASSER, Mr. SIMON, Mr. WALLOP, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. WOFFORD, and Mr. GLENN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

MAY 24 (legislative day, MAY 16), 1994

Reported by Mr. RIEGLE, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

To authorize the minting of coins to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the founding of the United States Botanic Garden.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “United States Botanic
5 Garden Commemorative Coin Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

7 (a) ONE-DOLLAR SILVER COINS.—

8 (1) ISSUANCE.—The Secretary of the Treasury
9 (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)
10 shall issue not more than 500,000 \$1 coins, which
11 shall weigh 26.73 grams, have a diameter of 1.500
12 inches, and contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
13 copper.

14 (2) DESIGN.—The design of the coins issued
15 under this Act shall be a rose, the national floral
16 emblem, and a frontal view of the French facade of
17 the United States Botanic Garden. On each coin
18 there shall be a designation of the value of the coin,
19 an inscription of the year “1995”, and inscriptions
20 of the words “Liberty”, “In God We Trust”,

1 “United States of America”, and “E Pluribus
2 Unum”.

3 (b) ~~LEGAL TENDER.~~—The coins issued under this
4 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
5 title 31, United States Code.

6 **SEC. 3. SOURCES OF BULLION.**

7 The Secretary shall obtain silver for the coins minted
8 under this Act only from stockpiles established under the
9 Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act.

10 **SEC. 4. SELECTION OF DESIGN.**

11 The design for the coins authorized by this Act shall
12 be selected by the Secretary after consultation with the
13 National Fund for the United States Botanic Garden and
14 the Commission of Fine Arts. As required by section 5135
15 of title 31, United States Code, the design shall also be
16 reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory
17 Committee.

18 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

19 (a) ~~QUALITY OF COINS.~~—Coins minted under this
20 Act may be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

21 (b) ~~MINT FACILITY.~~—Not more than 1 facility of the
22 United States Mint may be used to strike any particular
23 quality of the coins minted under this Act.

(c) PERIOD OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may issue coins minted under this Act during the period beginning on January 1, 1995, and ending on December 31, 1995.

4 ~~SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.~~

(a) SALE PRICE.—The coins authorized under this Act shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum of the face value of the coins, the surcharge provided in subsection (d) with respect to such coins, and the cost of designing and issuing the coins (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

(b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk sales available at a reasonable discount.

(c) PREPAID ORDERS.—The Secretary shall accept prepaid orders for the coins authorized under this Act prior to the issuance of such coins. Sales under this subsection shall be at a reasonable discount.

(d) SURCHARGE REQUIRED.—All sales shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

20 SEC. 7. GENERAL WAIVER OF PROCUREMENT REGULA-
21 TIONS.

22 No provision of law governing procurement or public
23 contracts shall be applicable to the procurement of goods
24 or services necessary for carrying out the provisions of this
25 Act. Nothing in this section shall relieve any person enter-

1 ing into a contract under the authority of this Act from
 2 complying with any law relating to equal employment
 3 opportunity.

4 **SEC. 8. DISTRIBUTION OF SURCHARGES.**

5 All surcharges received by the Secretary from the sale
 6 of coins issued under this Act shall be promptly paid by
 7 the Secretary to the National Fund for the United States
 8 Botanic Garden.

9 **SEC. 9. AUDITS.**

10 The Comptroller General shall have the right to ex-
 11 amine such books, records, documents, and other data of
 12 the National Fund for the United States Botanic Garden
 13 as may be related to the expenditures of amounts paid
 14 under section 8.

15 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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5 shall be a designation of the value of the coin, an in-
6 scription of the year “1995”, and inscriptions of the
7 words “Liberty”, “In God We Trust”, “United States
8 of America”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

9 (b) *LEGAL TENDER.*—The coins issued under this Act
10 shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of title
11 31, United States Code.

12 (c) *NUMISMATIC ITEMS.*—For purposes of section 5134
13 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted under this
14 Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

15 **SEC. 3. SOURCE OF BULLION.**

16 The Secretary shall obtain silver for the coins minted
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18 Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act.

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3 **SEC. 7. GENERAL WAIVER OF PROCUREMENT REGULA-**
4 **TIONS.**

5 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Except as provided in subsection
6 (b), no provision of law governing procurement or public
7 contracts shall be applicable to the procurement of goods
8 and services necessary for carrying out the provisions of
9 this Act.

10 (b) *EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.*—Subsection
11 (a) shall not relieve any person entering into a contract
12 under the authority of this Act from complying with any
13 law relating to equal employment opportunity.

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