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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASTLE (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. LUCAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

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## A BILL

To provide for a 10-year circulating commemorative coin program to commemorate each of the 50 States, and for other purposes.

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 “50 States Commemo-  
5 rative Coin Program Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress hereby finds the following:

8 (1) It is appropriate and timely to—

1 (A) honor the unique Federal republic of  
2 50 States that comprise the United States; and

3 (B) promote the diffusion of knowledge  
4 among the youth of the United States about the  
5 individual States, their history and geography,  
6 and the rich diversity of the national heritage.

7 (2) The circulating coinage of the United States  
8 has not been modernized within the past 25 years.

9 (3) A circulating commemorative 25-cent coin  
10 program could produce earnings of \$110,000,000  
11 over the 10-year period of issuance and would  
12 produce indirect earnings of an estimated  
13 \$3,400,000,000 to the United States Treasury,  
14 money that will replace borrowing to fund the na-  
15 tional debt to at least that extent.

16 (4) It is appropriate to launch a commemora-  
17 tive circulating coin program that encourages young  
18 people and their families to collect memorable tokens  
19 of all the States for the face value of the coins.

20 **SEC. 3. ISSUANCE OF REDESIGNED QUARTER DOLLARS**  
21 **OVER 10-YEAR PERIOD COMMEMORATING**  
22 **EACH OF THE 50 STATES.**

23 Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is  
24 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
25 section:

1       “(k) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF QUARTER DOL-  
2 LAR IN COMMEMORATION OF EACH OF THE 50 STATES.—

3           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the 4th  
4 sentence of subsection (d)(1) and subsection (d)(2),  
5 quarter dollar coins issued during the 10-year period  
6 beginning on January 1, 1997, shall have designs  
7 selected in accordance with this subsection which are  
8 emblematic of the 50 States.

9           “(2) SINGLE STATE DESIGNS.—The design for  
10 each quarter dollar issued during the 10-year period  
11 referred to in paragraph (1) shall be emblematic of  
12 1 of the 50 States.

13           “(3) ISSUANCE OF COINS COMMEMORATING 5  
14 STATES DURING EACH OF THE 10 YEARS.—

15           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The designs for the  
16 quarter dollar coins issued during each year of  
17 the 10-year period referred to in paragraph (1)  
18 shall be emblematic of 5 States which have not  
19 previously been commemorated during such pe-  
20 riod.

21           “(B) NUMBER OF EACH OF 5 COIN DE-  
22 SIGNS IN EACH YEAR.—Of the quarter dollar  
23 coins issued during each year (of the 10-year  
24 period referred to in paragraph (1)), the Sec-  
25 retary of the Treasury shall prescribe, on the

1 basis of such factors as the Secretary deter-  
2 mines to be appropriate, the number of quarter  
3 dollars which shall be issued with each of the 5  
4 designs selected for such year.

5 “(4) SELECTION OF DESIGN.—Each of the 50  
6 designs required under this subsection for quarter  
7 dollars shall be—

8 “(A) selected by the Secretary after con-  
9 sultation with appropriate officials of the State  
10 being commemorated with such design and the  
11 Commission of Fine Arts; and

12 “(B) reviewed by the Citizens Commemo-  
13 rative Coin Advisory Committee.

14 “(5) TREATMENT AS NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For  
15 purposes of sections 5134 and 5136, all coins mint-  
16 ed under this subsection shall be considered to be  
17 numismatic items.

18 “(6) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—

19 “(A) QUALITY OF COINS.—The Secretary  
20 may mint and issue such number of quarter  
21 dollars of each design selected under paragraph  
22 (4) in uncirculated and proof qualities as the  
23 Secretary determines to be appropriate.

24 “(B) SILVER COINS.—Notwithstanding  
25 subsection (b), the Secretary may mint and

1 issue such number of quarter dollars of each  
2 design selected under paragraph (4) as the Sec-  
3 retary determines to be appropriate with a con-  
4 tent of 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

5 “(C) SOURCES OF BULLION.—The Sec-  
6 retary shall obtain silver for minting coins  
7 under subparagraph (B) only from stockpiles  
8 established under the Strategic and Critical  
9 Materials Stock Piling Act.

10 “(D) SALE PRICE OF COINS.—The coins  
11 issued under this paragraph shall be sold by the  
12 Secretary at a price equal to the sum of the  
13 face value of the coins and the cost of designing  
14 and issuing the coins (including labor, mate-  
15 rials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses,  
16 marketing, profit, and shipping).

17 **SEC. 4. FIXED TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITIZENS**  
18 **COMMEMORATIVE COIN ADVISORY COMMIT-**  
19 **TEE.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (4) of section 5135(a)  
21 of title 31, United States Code, is amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 “(4) TERMS.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each individual ap-  
25 pointed to the Advisory Committee under clause

1 (i) or (iii) of paragraph (3)(A) shall be ap-  
2 pointed for a term of 4 years.

3 “(B) INTERIM APPOINTMENTS.—Any  
4 member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring  
5 before the expiration of the term for which such  
6 member’s predecessor was appointed shall be  
7 appointed only for the remainder of such term.

8 “(C) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE.—Each  
9 member appointed under clause (i) or (iii) of  
10 paragraph (3)(A) may continue to serve after  
11 the expiration of the term to which such mem-  
12 ber was appointed until a successor has been  
13 appointed and qualified.”.

14 (b) STAGGERED TERMS.—Of the members appointed  
15 to the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee  
16 under clause (i) or (iii) of paragraph (3)(A) of section  
17 5135 of title 31, United States Code, who are serving on  
18 the Advisory Committee as of the date of the enactment  
19 of this Act—

20 (1) 1 member appointed under clause (i) and 1  
21 member appointed under clause (iii), as designated  
22 by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall be deemed to  
23 have been appointed to a term which ends on De-  
24 cember 31, 1997;

1           (2) 1 member appointed under clause (i) and 1  
2           member appointed under clause (iii), as designated  
3           by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall be deemed to  
4           have been appointed to a term which ends on De-  
5           cember 31, 1998; and

6           (3) 1 member appointed under clause (i) and 1  
7           member appointed under clause (iii), as designated  
8           by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall be deemed to  
9           have been appointed to a term which ends on De-  
10          cember 31, 1999.

11          (c) STATUS OF MEMBERS.—The members appointed  
12          to the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee  
13          under clause (i) or (iii) of paragraph (3)(A) of section  
14          5135 of title 31, United States Code, shall not be treated  
15          as special Government employees.

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