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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of the 125th Anniversary of Yellowstone National Park.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. CAMPBELL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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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 “Yellowstone National
5 Park 125th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK COMMEMORATIVE**
7 **COIN.**

8 The Secretary of the Treasury (in this Act referred
9 to as the “Secretary”) shall mint and issue coins in ac-

1 cordance with this Act to commemorate the 125th Anni-
2 versary of Yellowstone National Park.

3 **SEC. 3. SPECIFICATIONS.**

4 (a) 1 DOLLAR SILVER COINS.—The Secretary shall
5 mint and issue not more than 500,000 1 dollar coins, each
6 of which shall—

7 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

8 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

9 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
10 copper.

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

14 **SEC. 4. SOURCES OF BULLION.**

15 The Secretary shall obtain silver for the coins minted
16 under this Act from stockpiles established under the Stra-
17 tegic and Critical Minerals Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C.
18 98 et seq.).

19 **SEC. 5. DESIGN OF COINS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins minted
21 under this Act shall be emblematic of Yellowstone Na-
22 tional Park. On each coin, there shall be—

23 (1) a designation of the value of the coin;

24 (2) an inscription of the year “1997”; and

25 (3) inscriptions of the words—

- 1 (A) “Liberty”;
- 2 (B) “In God We Trust”;
- 3 (C) “United States of America”; and
- 4 (D) “E Pluribus Unum”.

5 (b) SELECTION OF DESIGN.—The design of the coins
6 minted under this Act shall be—

- 7 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
- 8 with the United States Commission of Fine Arts;
- 9 and

- 10 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative
- 11 Coin Advisory Committee in accordance with section
- 12 5134 of title 31, United States Code.

13 **SEC. 6. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

14 (a) PERIOD OF ISSUANCE.—The coins minted under
15 this Act shall be issued only during the year 1997.

16 (b) QUALITY OF COINS.—The coins minted under
17 this Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

18 (c) MINT FACILITY.—Not more than 1 facility of the
19 United States Mint may be used to strike any particular
20 combination of denomination and quality of coins minted
21 under this Act.

22 **SEC. 7. SALE OF COINS.**

23 (a) SALE PRICE.—The Secretary shall sell the coins
24 minted under this Act at a price equal to the face value,
25 plus the cost of designing, minting, and issuing the coins

1 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, over-
2 head expenses, marketing, and shipping) and the sur-
3 charge provided for in subsection (d).

4 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk
5 sales of the coins minted under this Act at a reasonable
6 discount to reflect the lower costs of the sales.

7 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—The Secretary shall accept
8 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act prior
9 to their issuance. Sales under this subsection shall be at
10 a reasonable discount.

11 (d) SURCHARGES.—All sales of coins minted under
12 this Act shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

13 **SEC. 8. USE OF SURCHARGES.**

14 Surcharges received from the sale of coins minted
15 under this Act shall be distributed by the Secretary as
16 follows:

17 (1) YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK.—50 per-
18 cent of the surcharges shall be paid to the Secretary
19 of the Interior to be used for Yellowstone National
20 Park, which amounts shall be in addition to any
21 other amounts appropriated or otherwise made avail-
22 able for Yellowstone National Park.

23 (2) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.—50 percent of
24 the surcharges shall be paid to the Secretary of the

1 Interior for use by the National Park Service Foun-
2 dation.

3 **SEC. 9. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

4 The Secretary shall take actions necessary to ensure
5 that the minting and issuance of coins under this Act will
6 not result in any net cost to the Federal Government.

7 **SEC. 10. GENERAL WAIVER OF PROCUREMENT REGULA-**
8 **TIONS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
10 (b), no provision of law governing procurement or public
11 contracts shall be applicable to the procurement of goods
12 or services relating to the minting and selling of the coins
13 authorized by this Act.

14 (b) EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.—Sub-
15 section (a) shall not relieve any person entering into a con-
16 tract under the authority of this Act from complying with
17 any law relating to equal employment opportunity.

18 **SEC. 11. NUMISMATIC PUBLIC ENTERPRISE FUND.**

19 The coins issued under this Act are subject to the
20 provisions of section 5134 of title 31, United States Code,
21 relating to the Numismatic Public Enterprise Fund.

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