### 105TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

# H. R. 407

To allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for breast-cancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps.

### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 9, 1997

Mr. Fazio of California (for himself, Mr. Hall of Ohio, Mr. Norwood, and Ms. Woolsey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

# A BILL

To allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for breastcancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps.

- 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 "Breast-Cancer Re-
- 5 search Stamp Act".

## 1 SEC. 2. SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS.

2	(a) In General.—In order to afford the public a
3	convenient way to contribute to funding for breast-cancer
4	research, the United States Postal Service shall establish
5	a special rate of postage for first-class mail under this sec-
6	tion.
7	(b) Higher Rate.—The rate of postage established
8	under this section—
9	(1) shall be 1 cent higher than the rate that
10	would otherwise apply;
11	(2) may be established without regard to any
12	procedures under chapter 36 of title 39, United
13	States Code, and notwithstanding any other provi-
14	sion of law; and
15	(3) shall be offered as an alternative to the rate
16	that would otherwise apply.
17	The use of the rate of postage established under this sec-
18	tion shall be voluntary on the part of postal patrons.
19	(e) Use of Funds.—
20	(1) In general.—The amounts attributable to
21	the 1-cent differential established under this Act
22	shall be paid by the United States Postal Service to
23	the National Institutes of Health under such ar-
24	rangements as those agencies shall by mutual agree-
25	ment establish in order to carry out the purposes of

- this Act, except that under those arrangements, payments shall be made at least twice a year.
- 2) AMOUNTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE 1-CENT
  DIFFERENTIAL.—For purposes of this subsection,
  the term "amounts attributable to the 1-cent differential established under this Act" means, as determined by the United States Postal Service under
  regulations that it shall prescribe—
- 9 (A) the total amount of revenues received 10 by the United States Postal Service that it 11 would not have received but for the enactment 12 of this Act, reduced by
- 13 (B) an amount sufficient to cover reason14 able administrative and other costs of the Unit15 ed States Postal Service attributable to carrying
  16 out this Act.
- 17 (d) Special Postage Stamps.—The United States 18 Postal Service may provide for the design and sale of spe-19 cial postage stamps to carry out this Act.
- 20 (e) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of the Con-21 gress that—
- 22 (1) nothing in this Act should directly or indi-23 rectly cause a net decrease in total funds received by 24 the National Institutes of Health or any other agen-25 cy or instrumentality of the Government (or any

- 1 component or other aspect thereof) below the level
- 2 that would otherwise have been anticipated absent
- 3 this Act; and
- 4 (2) nothing in this Act should affect regular
- 5 first-class rates or any other regular rate of postage.

### 6 SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORTS.

- 7 The Postmaster General shall include in each annual
- 8 report rendered under section 2402 of title 39, United
- 9 States Code, information concerning the operation of this
- 10 Act.

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