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# H. R. 3200

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 31, 2001

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## 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 “Postal Heroes Com-  
5 memoration Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT THAT A SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE**  
2 **POSTAGE STAMP BE DESIGNED AND ISSUED.**

3 (a) GENERAL.—In order to afford the public a direct  
4 and tangible way to provide assistance to the United  
5 States Postal Service to rapidly purchase and deploy de-  
6 contamination equipment needed to prevent the trans-  
7 mission of dangerous biological agents through the mail  
8 system, the United States Postal Service shall issue a  
9 semipostal in accordance with subsection (b).

10 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The provisions of section 416  
11 of title 39, United States Code, shall apply (as practicable)  
12 with respect to the semipostal described in subsection (a),  
13 subject to the following:

14 (1) PRICE.—The price of the semipostal shall  
15 be equal to the price of a regular first-class postage  
16 stamp plus an additional 11 cents.

17 (2) DISPOSITION OF AMOUNTS BECOMING  
18 AVAILABLE.—All amounts becoming available from  
19 the sale of the semipostal (as determined under such  
20 section) shall be transferred to the Postal Service for  
21 the sole purposes of upgrading and improving the  
22 Postal Service's capability to decontaminate mail,  
23 and to prevent the transmission of dangerous bio-  
24 logical agents through the mail system.

1           (3) COMMENCEMENT AND TERMINATION  
2 DATES.—Stamps under this section shall be  
3 issued—

4           (A) beginning on the earliest date prac-  
5 ticable; and

6           (B) subject to section 416(g) of such title,  
7 for such period of time as the Postal Service  
8 considers necessary and appropriate, but in no  
9 event less than 2 years.

10          (4) NUMERICAL LIMITATION.—Stamps under  
11 this section shall not be taken into account for pur-  
12 poses of any limitation under section 416(e)(1)(C) of  
13 such title relating to whether more than 1  
14 semipostal may be offered for sale at the same time.

15          (c) DESIGN.—It is the sense of the Congress that the  
16 semipostal issued under this section should depict, by such  
17 design as the Postal Service considers to be most appro-  
18 priate, honoring the sacrifices of Postal Service workers  
19 who have lost their lives in the anthrax attacks of 2001.

20 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

21 For purposes of this Act—

22          (1) the term “dangerous biological agents”  
23 means a biological agent or toxin that—

1           (A) is on the list that is in effect pursuant  
2           to section 511(d)(1) of the Antiterrorism and  
3           Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996; and

4           (B) has not been exempted from the appli-  
5           cability of regulations under section 511(e) of  
6           such Act;

7           (2) the term “semipostal” has the meaning  
8           given such term by section 416 of title 39, United  
9           States Code.

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