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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CANTOR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Financial Services

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 “Liberty Bill Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 The Congress finds that—

1 (1) many Americans are unaware of the provi-
2 sions of the Constitution of the United States, one
3 of the most remarkable and important documents in
4 world history;

5 (2) an abbreviated version of the Constitution,
6 consisting of the preamble, a list of the Articles, and
7 a list of the Amendments, could easily be placed on
8 the reverse side of \$1 Federal reserve notes;

9 (3) the placement of an abbreviated version of
10 the Constitution on \$1 Federal reserve notes would
11 remind the American people of the historical impor-
12 tance of the Constitution and its impact on their
13 lives today;

14 (4) the preamble would remind Americans of
15 the blessings of liberty;

16 (5) the Articles would remind Americans of the
17 framework of the United States Government;

18 (6) the Amendments would remind Americans
19 of the historical changes to this living document that
20 forms the very core of the American experience; and

21 (7) people throughout the world would also
22 learn about the framework of a republican govern-
23 ment, the blessings of liberty, and the ideals of
24 human rights through the exchange of American
25 currency.

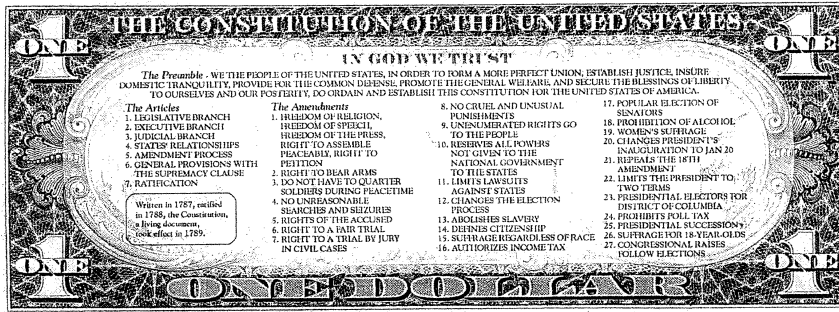
1 **SEC. 3. REDESIGN OF REVERSE SIDE OF FEDERAL RE-**
2 **SERVE NOTES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5114 of title 31, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new subsection:

6 “(d) LIBERTY BILLS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the require-
8 ments of subsection (b) (relating to the inclusion of
9 the inscription ‘In God We Trust’ on all United
10 States currency) and the 8th undesignated para-
11 graph of section 16 of the Federal Reserve Act, the
12 design of the reverse side of the lowest denomination
13 of Federal reserve notes shall incorporate the pre-
14 amble to the Constitution of the United States, a list
15 describing the Articles of the Constitution, and a list
16 describing the Amendments to the Constitution.

17 “(2) DESIGN.—Subject to paragraph (3), the
18 preamble to the Constitution of the United States
19 and lists describing the Articles and Amendments of
20 the Constitution shall appear on the reverse side of
21 the \$1 Federal reserve notes in the following format:



1 “(3) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.—The require-
2 ments of this subsection shall not be construed as—

3 “(A) prohibiting the inclusion of any other
4 inscriptions or material on the reverse side of
5 Federal reserve notes which the Secretary may
6 determine to be necessary or appropriate; or

7 “(B) limiting any other authority of the
8 Secretary with regard to the design of Federal
9 reserve notes, including the adoption of any de-
10 sign features to deter the counterfeiting of
11 United States currency.”.

12 (b) DATE OF APPLICATION.—The amendment made
13 by subsection (a) shall apply to the lowest denomination
14 of Federal reserve notes which are first placed into circula-
15 tion after December 31, 2005.

16 (c) SUNSET PROVISION.—Federal reserve notes bear-
17 ing the design required under the amendment made by
18 subsection (a) shall only be issued during the 2-year period

- 1 beginning on the date such notes are first issued pursuant
- 2 to subsection (b).

