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# S. 633

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JOHNSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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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 “American Veterans  
5       Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds that—

1           (1) the Armed Forces of the United States have  
2           answered the call and served with distinction around  
3           the world—from hitting the beaches in World War  
4           II in the Pacific and Europe, to the cold and dif-  
5           ficult terrain in Korea, the steamy jungles of Viet-  
6           nam, and the desert sands of the Middle East;

7           (2) all Americans should commemorate those  
8           who come home having survived the ordeal of war,  
9           and solemnly honor those who made the ultimate  
10          sacrifice in giving their lives for their country;

11          (3) all Americans should honor the millions of  
12          living disabled veterans who carry the scars of war  
13          every day, and who have made enormous personal  
14          sacrifices defending the principles of our democracy;

15          (4) in 2000, Congress authorized the construc-  
16          tion of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Me-  
17          morial;

18          (5) the United States should pay tribute to the  
19          Nation’s living disabled veterans by minting and  
20          issuing a commemorative silver dollar coin; and

21          (6) the surcharge proceeds from the sale of a  
22          commemorative coin would raise valuable funding  
23          for the construction of the American Veterans Dis-  
24          abled for Life Memorial.

1 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

2 (a) \$1 SILVER COINS.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
3 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)  
4 shall mint and issue not more than 500,000 \$1 coins in  
5 commemoration of disabled American veterans, each of  
6 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 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections  
15 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins  
16 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-  
17 matic items.

18 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

19 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins  
21 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the de-  
22 sign selected by the Disabled Veterans’ LIFE Me-  
23 morial Foundation for the American Veterans Dis-  
24 abled for Life Memorial.

25 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On  
26 each coin minted under this Act, there shall be—

- 1 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;  
2 (B) an inscription of the year “2010”; and  
3 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,  
4 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-  
5 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

6 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted  
7 under this Act shall be—

8 (1) selected by the Secretary, after consultation  
9 with the Disabled Veterans’ LIFE Memorial Foun-  
10 dation and the Commission of Fine Arts; and

11 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory  
12 Committee.

13 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

14 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this  
15 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

16 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United  
17 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality  
18 of the coins minted under this Act.

19 (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may  
20 issue coins under this Act only during the calendar year  
21 beginning on January 1, 2010.

22 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

23 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act  
24 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum  
25 of—

1 (1) the face value of the coins;

2 (2) the surcharge provided in subsection (b)  
3 with respect to such coins; and

4 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins  
5 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,  
6 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

7 (b) SURCHARGES.—All sales of coins issued under  
8 this Act shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

9 (c) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk  
10 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable  
11 discount.

12 (d) PREPAID ORDERS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept  
14 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act  
15 before the issuance of such coins.

16 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-  
17 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-  
18 sonable discount.

19 **SEC. 7. DISTRIBUTION OF SURCHARGES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section 5134(f) of title  
21 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by the  
22 Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act shall  
23 be paid to the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foun-  
24 dation for the purpose of establishing an endowment to

1 support the construction of the American Veterans' Dis-  
 2 abled for Life Memorial in Washington, D.C.

3 (b) AUDITS.—The Comptroller General of the United  
 4 States shall have the right to examine such books, records,  
 5 documents, and other data of the Disabled Veterans'  
 6 LIFE Memorial Foundation as may be related to the ex-  
 7 penditures of amounts paid under subsection (a).

8 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

9 (a) NO NET COST TO THE GOVERNMENT.—The Sec-  
 10 retary shall take such actions as may be necessary to en-  
 11 sure that minting and issuing coins under this Act will  
 12 not result in any net cost to the United States Govern-  
 13 ment.

14 (b) PAYMENT FOR COINS.—A coin shall not be issued  
 15 under this Act unless the Secretary has received—

16 (1) full payment for the coin;

17 (2) security satisfactory to the Secretary to in-  
 18 demnify the United States for full payment; or

19 (3) a guarantee of full payment satisfactory to  
 20 the Secretary from a depository institution whose  
 21 deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insur-  
 22 ance Corporation or the National Credit Union Ad-  
 23 ministration Board.

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