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To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to prescribe the weights and the compositions of circulating coins, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR) 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 “Coinage Materials
5 Modernization Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. WEIGHTS AND COMPOSITIONS OF COINS.**

7 Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and
2 weighs 11.34 grams”;

3 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “and
4 weighs 5.67 grams”;

5 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking “and
6 weighs 2.268 grams”;

7 (D) in paragraph (5), by striking “and
8 weighs 5 grams”; and

9 (E) in paragraph (6)—

10 (i) by striking “except as provided
11 under subsection (c) of this section,”; and

12 (ii) by striking “and weighs 3.11
13 grams”;

14 (2) in subsection (b), by striking the first, sec-
15 ond, third, fourth, sixth, seventh, and eighth sen-
16 tences; and

17 (3) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
18 following:

19 “(c) WEIGHT AND COMPOSITION.—The Secretary
20 shall prescribe the weight and the composition of the dol-
21 lar, half dollar, quarter dollar, dime, 5-cent, and 1-cent
22 coins. In prescribing the weight and the composition of
23 the dollar, half dollar, quarter dollar, dime, 5-cent, and
24 1-cent coins, the Secretary shall consider such factors as

1 the Secretary considers, in the Secretary's sole discretion,
2 to be appropriate.”.

3 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

4 Section 5113(a) of title 31, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) by striking “and dime coins” and inserting
7 “dime, 5-cent, and 1-cent coins”; and

8 (2) by striking the second and third sentences.

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