

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2147

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 30, 2015

Mrs. BEATTY 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 “Woman on the Twenty
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) In 1875, Congress adopted the dollar as the
2 monetary unit of the United States.

3 (2) In 1877, the Bureau of Engraving and
4 Printing of the Department of the Treasury began
5 printing all United States paper money.

6 (3) The Federal Reserve Act of 1913 created
7 the Federal Reserve as the Nation's central bank
8 and provided for a national banking system. The
9 Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
10 issued new paper money called Federal Reserve
11 notes.

12 (4) The Secretary of the Treasury usually se-
13 lects the designs shown on Federal Reserve notes
14 with the advice of the Bureau of Engraving and
15 Printing.

16 (5) United States Federal Reserve notes now in
17 production bear the following portraits:

18 (A) President George Washington on the
19 \$1 bill.

20 (B) President Thomas Jefferson on the \$2
21 bill.

22 (C) President Abraham Lincoln on the \$5
23 bill.

24 (D) Alexander Hamilton on the \$10 bill.

1 (E) President Andrew Jackson on the \$20
2 bill.

3 (F) President Ulysses S. Grant on the \$50
4 bill.

5 (G) Benjamin Franklin on the \$100 bill.

6 (6) There are also several denominations of
7 Federal Reserve notes that are no longer produced.
8 These include the \$500 bill with the portrait of
9 President William McKinley, the \$1,000 bill with a
10 portrait of President Grover Cleveland, the \$5,000
11 bill with a portrait of President James Madison, the
12 \$10,000 bill with a portrait of Salmon P. Chase, and
13 the \$100,000 bill with a portrait of President Wood-
14 row Wilson.

15 (7) However, since the first general circulation
16 of paper money, no woman has ever held the honor
17 of being featured on paper money.

18 **SEC. 3. CITIZENS PANEL RELATING TO THE LIKENESS OF A**
19 **WOMAN TO BE INCLUDED ON THE \$20 FED-**
20 **ERAL RESERVE NOTE.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury
22 shall convene a panel of private citizens of the United
23 States—

1 (1) to consider and analyze public input regard-
2 ing suggestions for the likeness of a woman to ap-
3 pear on the \$20 Federal Reserve note; and

4 (2) to make recommendations to the Secretary
5 based on such input.

6 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after receiv-
7 ing the recommendations described in subsection (a), the
8 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that includes
9 such recommendations and a determination as to whether
10 the likeness of a woman shall appear on the \$20 Federal
11 Reserve note.

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