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H. R. 1357

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEFANIK (for herself and Mr. THOMPSON of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide for the issuance of a semipostal to benefit
programs that combat invasive species.

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 “Stamp Out Invasive
5 Species Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMBATING INVASIVE SPECIES SEMIPOSTAL.**

7 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that invasive species
8 pose a serious threat to our natural ecosystems, signifi-

1 cantly harm native plant and animal populations, and
2 cause detrimental economic damage to local communities.

3 (b) SEMIPOSTAL.—In order to afford a convenient
4 way for members of the public to contribute to programs
5 that combat invasive species, the United States Postal
6 Service shall issue a semipostal stamp in accordance with
7 the provisions of this section. Such semipostal stamp shall
8 be known as the “Combating Invasive Species Semipostal
9 Stamp”.

10 (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The issuance and sale of the
12 Combating Invasive Species Semipostal Stamp shall
13 be governed by the provisions of section 416 of title
14 39, United States Code, and regulations issued
15 under such section, subject to the requirements of
16 this subsection.

17 (2) DIFFERENTIAL RATE.—The differential in-
18 cluded in the rate of postage established for the
19 Combating Invasive Species Semipostal Stamp under
20 section 416(c) of such title may not exceed 25 per-
21 cent.

22 (3) DURATION.—The Combating Invasive Spe-
23 cies Semipostal Stamp shall be made available to the
24 public for a period of 2 years, beginning not later

1 than 12 months after the date of enactment of this
2 Act.

3 (4) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—All amounts
4 becoming available from the sale of the Combating
5 Invasive Species Semipostal Stamp (as determined
6 under section 416(d) of such title) shall be trans-
7 ferred in equal proportion to the Department of the
8 Interior and the Department of Agriculture, for the
9 purpose described in subsection (a), through pay-
10 ments which shall be made at least twice a year.

11 (d) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term
12 “semipostal stamp” means a stamp described in section
13 416(a)(1) of such title.

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