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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to redesign Federal reserve notes of all denominations so as to incorporate the preamble to the Constitution of the United States, a list describing the Articles of the Constitution, and a list describing the Articles of Amendment, on the reverse side of such currency.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2001

Mr. CANTOR (for himself, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. WOLF, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SCHROCK, Mr. GOODE, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. TANCREDO) 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”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds as follows:

3 (1) Many Americans are unaware of the provi-
4 sions of the Constitution of the United States, one
5 of the most remarkable and important documents in
6 world history.

7 (2) An abbreviated version of this important
8 document, consisting of the preamble, a list of the
9 Articles, and a list of the Articles of Amendment,
10 could easily be placed on the reverse side of all Fed-
11 eral reserve notes.

12 (3) The placement of an abbreviated version of
13 the Constitution on all Federal reserve notes would
14 serve to remind people of the historical importance
15 of the Constitution and its impact on their lives
16 today.

17 (4) Americans would be reminded by the pre-
18 amble of the blessings of liberty; by the Articles, of
19 the framework of the Government; and by the Arti-
20 cles of Amendment, of the historical changes to the
21 document that forms the very core of the American
22 experience.

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 all Federal reserve
13 notes shall incorporate the preamble to the Constitu-
14 tion of the United States, a list describing the Arti-
15 cles of the Constitution, and a list describing the Ar-
16 ticles of Amendment.

17 “(2) DESIGN.—Subject to paragraph (3), the
18 preamble to the Constitution of the United States
19 and the list describing the Articles of the Constitu-
20 tion shall appear on the reverse side of all Federal
21 reserve notes in the following format (shown as it
22 would appear on the \$1 Federal reserve note):



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 all Federal reserve notes
14 which are first placed into circulation after December 31,
15 2001.

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