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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2007

Mr. KILDEE (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. BOREN, Mr. RENZI, and Mr. COLE of Oklahoma) 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 “Native American \$1
5 Coin Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIVE AMERICAN \$1 COIN PROGRAM.**

2 Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(r) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF CIRCULATING \$1
5 COINS HONORING NATIVE AMERICANS AND THE IMPOR-
6 TANT CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY INDIAN TRIBES AND IN-
7 DIVIDUAL NATIVE AMERICANS IN UNITED STATES HIS-
8 TORY.—

9 “(1) REDESIGN BEGINNING IN 2008.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning
11 January 1, 2008, notwithstanding subsection
12 (d), in addition to the coins to be issued pursu-
13 ant to subsection (n), and in accordance with
14 this subsection, the Secretary shall mint and
15 issue \$1 coins that—

16 “(i) have as the designs on the ob-
17 verse the so-called ‘Sakakawea design’; and

18 “(ii) have a design on the reverse se-
19 lected in accordance with paragraph
20 (2)(A), subject to paragraph (3)(A).

21 “(B) DELAYED DATE.—If the date of the
22 enactment of the Native American \$1 Coin Act
23 is after July 31, 2007, subparagraph (A) shall
24 be applied by substituting ‘2009’ for ‘2008’.

1 “(2) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—The \$1 coins
2 issued in accordance with paragraph (1) shall meet
3 the following design requirements:

4 “(A) COIN REVERSE.—The design on the
5 reverse shall bear—

6 “(i) images celebrating the important
7 contributions made by Indian tribes and
8 individual Native Americans to the devel-
9 opment of the United States and the his-
10 tory of the United States;

11 “(ii) the inscription ‘\$1’ ; and

12 “(iii) the inscription ‘United States of
13 America’.

14 “(B) COIN OBVERSE.—The design on the
15 obverse shall—

16 “(i) be chosen by the Secretary, after
17 consultation with the Commission of Fine
18 Arts and review by the Citizens Coinage
19 Advisory Committee; and

20 “(ii) contain the so-called ‘Sakakawea
21 design’ and the inscription ‘Liberty’.

22 “(C) EDGE-INCUSED INSCRIPTIONS.—

23 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The inscription of
24 the year of minting and issuance of the
25 coin and the inscriptions ‘E Pluribus

1 Unum’ and ‘In God We Trust’ shall be
2 edge-incused into the coin.

3 “(ii) PRESERVATION OF DISTINCTIVE
4 EDGE.—The edge-incusing of the inscrip-
5 tions under clause (i) on coins issued
6 under this subsection shall be done in a
7 manner that preserves the distinctive edge
8 of the coin so that the denomination of the
9 coin is readily discernible, including by in-
10 dividuals who are blind or visually im-
11 paired.

12 “(D) REVERSE DESIGN SELECTION.—The
13 designs selected for the reverse of the coins de-
14 scribed under this subsection—

15 “(i) shall be chosen by the Secretary
16 after consultation with the Committee on
17 Indian Affairs of the Senate, the Congres-
18 sional Native American Caucus of the
19 House of Representatives, the Commission
20 of Fine Arts, and the National Congress of
21 American Indians;

22 “(ii) shall be reviewed by the Citizens
23 Coinage Advisory Committee;

24 “(iii) may depict individuals and
25 events such as—

1 “(I) the creation of Cherokee
2 written language;

3 “(II) the Iroquois Confederacy;

4 “(III) Wampanoag Chief
5 Massasoit;

6 “(IV) the ‘Pueblo Revolt’;

7 “(V) Olympian Jim Thorpe;

8 “(VI) Ely S. Parker, a general
9 on the staff of General Ulysses S.
10 Grant and later head of the Bureau of
11 Indian Affairs; and

12 “(VII) code talkers who served
13 the United States Armed Forces dur-
14 ing World War I and World War II;
15 and

16 “(iv) in the case of a design depicting
17 the contribution of an individual Native
18 American to the development of the United
19 States and the history of the United
20 States, shall not depict the individual in a
21 size such that the coin could be considered
22 to be a ‘2-headed’ coin.

23 “(3) ISSUANCE OF COINS COMMEMORATING 1
24 NATIVE AMERICAN EVENT DURING EACH YEAR.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each design for the
2 reverse of the \$1 coins issued during each year
3 shall be emblematic of 1 important Native
4 American or Native American contribution each
5 year.

6 “(B) ISSUANCE PERIOD.—Each \$1 coin
7 minted with a design on the reverse in accord-
8 ance with this subsection for any year shall be
9 issued during the 1-year period beginning on
10 January 1 of that year and shall be available
11 throughout the entire 1-year period.

12 “(C) ORDER OF ISSUANCE OF DESIGNS.—
13 Each coin issued under this subsection com-
14 memorating Native Americans and their con-
15 tributions—

16 “(i) shall be issued, to the maximum
17 extent practicable, in the chronological
18 order in which the Native Americans lived
19 or the events occurred, until the termi-
20 nation of the coin program described in
21 subsection (n); and

22 “(ii) thereafter shall be issued in any
23 order determined to be appropriate by the
24 Secretary, after consultation with the Com-
25 mittee on Indian Affairs of the Senate, the

1 Congressional Native American Caucus of
2 the House of Representatives, and the Na-
3 tional Congress of American Indians.

4 “(4) ISSUANCE OF NUMISMATIC COINS.—The
5 Secretary may mint and issue such number of \$1
6 coins of each design selected under this subsection
7 in uncirculated and proof qualities as the Secretary
8 determines to be appropriate.

9 “(5) QUANTITY.—The number of \$1 coins
10 minted and issued in a year with the Sakakawea-de-
11 sign on the obverse shall be not less than 20 percent
12 of the total number of \$1 coins minted and issued
13 in such year.”.

14 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

15 Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is
16 amended—

17 (1) in subsection (n)(1)—

18 (A) by striking the paragraph designation
19 and heading and all that follows through “Not-
20 withstanding subsection (d)” and inserting the
21 following:

22 “(1) REDESIGN BEGINNING IN 2007.—Notwith-
23 standing subsection (d)”;

24 (B) by striking subparagraph (B); and

1 (C) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as
2 subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and
3 indenting the subparagraphs appropriately;

4 (2) in subsection (n), by striking “Sacagawea-
5 design” each place such term appears and inserting
6 “Sakakawea-design”; and

7 (3) in paragraphs (3)(C) and (5) of subsection
8 (p), by striking “Sacagawea-design” each place such
9 term appears and inserting “Sakakawea-design”.

10 **SEC. 4. REMOVAL OF BARRIERS TO CIRCULATION OF \$1**
11 **COIN.**

12 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—In order to remove barriers to cir-
13 culation, the Secretary of the Treasury shall carry out an
14 aggressive, cost-effective, continuing campaign to encour-
15 age commercial enterprises to accept and dispense \$1
16 coins that have as designs on the obverse the so-called
17 “Sakakawea design”.

18 (b) **REPORT.**—The Secretary of the Treasury shall
19 submit to Congress an annual report on the success of
20 the efforts described in subsection (a).

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