

In the Senate of the United States,

July 12, 2012.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 2527) entitled “An Act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the ‘National Baseball Hall
3 of Fame Commemorative Coin Act’.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) On June 12, 1939, the National Baseball
7 Hall of Fame and Museum opened in Cooperstown,
8 New York. Ty Cobb, Walter Johnson, Christy
9 Mathewson, Babe Ruth, and Honus Wagner com-

1 prised the inaugural class of inductees. This class
2 set the standard for all future inductees. Since
3 1939, just one percent of all Major League Baseball
4 players have earned induction into the National
5 Baseball Hall of Fame.

6 (2) The National Baseball Hall of Fame and
7 Museum is dedicated to preserving history, honoring
8 excellence, and connecting generations through the
9 rich history of our national pastime. Baseball has
10 mirrored our Nation’s history since the Civil War,
11 and is now an integral part of our Nation’s heritage.

12 (3) The National Baseball Hall of Fame and
13 Museum chronicles the history of our national pas-
14 time and houses the world’s largest collection of
15 baseball artifacts, including more than 38,000 three
16 dimensional artifacts, 3,000,000 documents,
17 500,000 photographs, and 12,000 hours of recorded
18 media. This collection ensures that baseball history
19 and its unique connection to American history will
20 be preserved and recounted for future generations.

21 (4) Since its opening in 1939, more than
22 14,000,000 baseball fans have visited the National
23 Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum to learn about
24 the history of our national pastime and the game’s
25 connection to the American experience.

1 (5) The National Baseball Hall of Fame and
2 Museum is an educational institution, reaching
3 10,000,000 Americans annually. Utilizing video con-
4 ference technology, students and teachers participate
5 in interactive lessons led by educators from the Na-
6 tional Baseball Hall of Fame Museum. These award-
7 winning educational programs draw upon the won-
8 ders of baseball to reach students in classrooms na-
9 tionwide. Each educational program uses baseball as
10 a lens for teaching young Americans important les-
11 sons on an array of topics, including mathematics,
12 geography, civil rights, women’s history, economics,
13 industrial technology, arts, and communication.

14 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

15 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In recognition and celebration
16 of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, the Secretary of
17 the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Sec-
18 retary”) shall mint and issue the following coins:

19 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5
20 coins, which shall—

21 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

22 (B) have diameter of 0.850 inches; and

23 (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent
24 alloy.

1 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000
2 \$1 coins, which shall—

3 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

4 (B) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

5 (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-
6 cent copper.

7 (3) HALF-DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more
8 than 750,000 half-dollar coins which shall—

9 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

10 (B) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

11 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-
12 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title
13 31, United States Code.

14 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this
15 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
16 title 31, United States Code.

17 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
18 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
19 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
20 matic items.

21 (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
22 gress that, to the extent possible without significantly add-
23 ing to the purchase price of the coins, the \$1 coins and
24 \$5 coins minted under this Act should be produced in a
25 fashion similar to the 2009 International Year of Astron-

1 omy coins issued by Monnaie de Paris, the French Mint,
2 so that the reverse of the coin is convex to more closely
3 resemble a baseball and the obverse concave, providing a
4 more dramatic display of the obverse design chosen pursu-
5 ant to section 4(c).

6 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The design for the coins minted
8 under this Act shall be—

9 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
10 with—

11 (A) the National Baseball Hall of Fame;

12 (B) the Commission of Fine Arts; and

13 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative
14 Coin Advisory Committee.

15 (b) DESIGNATIONS AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each
16 coin minted under this Act there shall be—

17 (1) a designation of the value of the coin;

18 (2) an inscription of the year “2014”; and

19 (3) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”, “In
20 God We Trust”, “United States of America”, and
21 “E Pluribus Unum”.

22 (c) SELECTION AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR OB-
23 VERSE DESIGN.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall hold a
25 competition to determine the design of the common

1 obverse of the coins minted under this Act, with
2 such design being emblematic of the game of base-
3 ball.

4 (2) SELECTION AND APPROVAL.—Proposals for
5 the design of coins minted under this Act may be
6 submitted in accordance with the design selection
7 and approval process developed by the Secretary in
8 the sole discretion of the Secretary. The Secretary
9 shall encourage 3-dimensional models to be sub-
10 mitted as part of the design proposals.

11 (3) PROPOSALS.—As part of the competition
12 described in this subsection, the Secretary may ac-
13 cept proposals from artists, engravers of the United
14 States Mint, and members of the general public.

15 (4) COMPENSATION.—The Secretary shall de-
16 termine compensation for the winning design under
17 this subsection, which shall be not less than \$5,000.
18 The Secretary shall take into account this compensa-
19 tion amount when determining the sale price de-
20 scribed in section 6(a).

21 (d) REVERSE DESIGN.—The design on the common
22 reverse of the coins minted under this Act shall depict a
23 baseball similar to those used by Major League Baseball.

1 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

2 (a) **QUALITY OF COINS.**—Coins minted under this
3 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

4 (b) **PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.**—The Secretary may
5 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year
6 period beginning on January 1, 2014.

7 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

8 (a) **SALE PRICE.**—The coins issued under this Act
9 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum
10 of—

11 (1) the face value of the coins;

12 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7(a) with
13 respect to such coins; and

14 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
15 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
16 winning design compensation, overhead expenses,
17 marketing, and shipping).

18 (b) **BULK SALES.**—The Secretary shall make bulk
19 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable
20 discount.

21 (c) **PREPAID ORDERS.**—

22 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall accept
23 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
24 before the issuance of such coins.

1 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-
2 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-
3 sonable discount.

4 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under
6 this Act shall include a surcharge as follows:

7 (1) A surcharge of \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin.

8 (2) A surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin.

9 (3) A surcharge of \$5 per coin for the half-dol-
10 lar coin.

11 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
12 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
13 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
14 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the National
15 Baseball Hall of Fame to help finance its operations.

16 (c) AUDITS.—The National Baseball Hall of Fame
17 shall be subject to the audit requirements of section
18 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with regard
19 to the amounts received under subsection (b).

20 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
21 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
22 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
23 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
24 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
25 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual com-

1 memorative coin program issuance limitation under sec-
2 tion 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in ef-
3 fect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-
4 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
5 this subsection.

6 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

7 The Secretary shall take such actions as may be nec-
8 essary to ensure that—

9 (1) minting and issuing coins under this Act
10 will not result in any net cost to the United States
11 Government; and

12 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,
13 are disbursed to any recipient designated in section
14 7 until the total cost of designing and issuing all of
15 the coins authorized by this Act (including labor,
16 materials, dies, use of machinery, winning design
17 compensation, overhead expenses, marketing, and
18 shipping) is recovered by the United States Treas-
19 ury, consistent with sections 5112(m) and 5134(f) of
20 title 31, United States Code.

21 **SEC. 9. BUDGET COMPLIANCE.**

22 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
23 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
24 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
25 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this

1 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
2 by the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the
3 House of Representatives, provided that such statement
4 has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

Attest:

Secretary.

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