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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 15, 2005

Mr. Durbin (for himself, Mr. Obama, Mr. Bayh, Mr. Lugar, Mr. Bunning, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Isakson, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Reed, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Chaffee, Mr. DeWine, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Baucus, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Carper, Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Dayton, Mr. Dodd, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Kohl, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Levin, Mr. Lieberman, Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. Menendez, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson of Florida, Mr. Reid, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Salazar, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Biden, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Jeffords, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Santorum, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Specter, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Allen, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Thune, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Thomas, Mr. DeMint, Mr. Warner, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Craig, Mr. Allard, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mr. Bond, Mr. Lott, and Mr. Alexander) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

JUNE 28, 2006

Reported by Mr. Shelby, without amendment

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in commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Abraham Lincoln Com-
memorative Coin Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds as follows:

(1) Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President, was
one of the Nation’s greatest leaders, demonstrating
true courage during the Civil War, one of the great-
est crises in the Nation’s history.

(2) Born of humble roots in present-day LaRue
County, Kentucky, on February 12, 1809, Abraham
Lincoln rose to the Presidency through a combina-
tion of honesty, integrity, intelligence, and commit-
ment to the United States.

(3) With the belief that all men were created
equal, Abraham Lincoln led the effort to free all
slaves in the United States.

(4) Abraham Lincoln had a generous heart,
with malice toward none and with charity for all.

(5) Abraham Lincoln gave the ultimate sacrifice
for his country, dying from an assassin’s bullet on
April 15, 1865.
(6) The year 2009 will be the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

(7) The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission has been charged by Congress with planning the celebration of President Lincoln’s bicentennial.

(8) The proceeds from a commemorative coin will help fund the celebration and the continued study of the life of President Lincoln.

SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.

(a) $1 SILVER COINS.—The Secretary of the Treasury (in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall mint and issue not more than 500,000 $1 coins, which shall—

(1) weigh 26.73 grams;

(2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

(3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

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

(c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.

(a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the life and legacy of President Abraham Lincoln.

(2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each coin minted under this Act, there shall be—

(A) a designation of the value of the coin;
(B) an inscription of the year “2009”; and
(C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”, “In God We Trust”, “United States of America”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

(b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted under this Act shall be—

(1) selected by the Secretary, after consultation with the Commission of Fine Arts and the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission; and
(2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee established under section 5135 of title 31, United States Code.

SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.

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

(b) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality of the coins minted under this Act.
(c) Period for Issuance.—The Secretary may issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year period beginning on January 1, 2009.


(a) Sale Price.—The coins minted under this Act shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum of—

(1) the face value of the coins;

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

(3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

(b) Bulk Sales.—The Secretary shall make bulk sales of the coins minted under this Act at a reasonable discount.

(c) Prepaid Orders.—

(1) In general.—The Secretary shall accept prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act before the issuance of such coins.

(2) Discount.—Sale prices with respect to prepaid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a reasonable discount.
SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under this Act shall include a surcharge of $10 per coin.

(b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by the Secretary from the sale of coins minted under this Act shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission to further the work of the Commission.

(c) AUDITS.—The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission shall be subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code.
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