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H. R. 407

To allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for breast-cancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 1997

Mr. FAZIO of California (for himself, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. NORWOOD, and Ms. WOOLSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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 allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for breast-cancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps.

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 “Breast-Cancer Re-
5 search Stamp Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to afford the public a
3 convenient way to contribute to funding for breast-cancer
4 research, the United States Postal Service shall establish
5 a special rate of postage for first-class mail under this sec-
6 tion.

7 (b) HIGHER RATE.—The rate of postage established
8 under this section—

9 (1) shall be 1 cent higher than the rate that
10 would otherwise apply;

11 (2) may be established without regard to any
12 procedures under chapter 36 of title 39, United
13 States Code, and notwithstanding any other provi-
14 sion of law; and

15 (3) shall be offered as an alternative to the rate
16 that would otherwise apply.

17 The use of the rate of postage established under this sec-
18 tion shall be voluntary on the part of postal patrons.

19 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amounts attributable to
21 the 1-cent differential established under this Act
22 shall be paid by the United States Postal Service to
23 the National Institutes of Health under such ar-
24 rangements as those agencies shall by mutual agree-
25 ment establish in order to carry out the purposes of

1 this Act, except that under those arrangements, pay-
2 ments shall be made at least twice a year.

3 (2) AMOUNTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE 1-CENT
4 DIFFERENTIAL.—For purposes of this subsection,
5 the term “amounts attributable to the 1-cent dif-
6 ferential established under this Act” means, as de-
7 termined by the United States Postal Service under
8 regulations that it shall prescribe—

9 (A) the total amount of revenues received
10 by the United States Postal Service that it
11 would not have received but for the enactment
12 of this Act, reduced by

13 (B) an amount sufficient to cover reason-
14 able administrative and other costs of the Unit-
15 ed States Postal Service attributable to carrying
16 out this Act.

17 (d) SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS.—The United States
18 Postal Service may provide for the design and sale of spe-
19 cial postage stamps to carry out this Act.

20 (e) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Con-
21 gress that—

22 (1) nothing in this Act should directly or indi-
23 rectly cause a net decrease in total funds received by
24 the National Institutes of Health or any other agen-
25 cy or instrumentality of the Government (or any

1 component or other aspect thereof) below the level
2 that would otherwise have been anticipated absent
3 this Act; and

4 (2) nothing in this Act should affect regular
5 first-class rates or any other regular rate of postage.

6 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORTS.**

7 The Postmaster General shall include in each annual
8 report rendered under section 2402 of title 39, United
9 States Code, information concerning the operation of this
10 Act.

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