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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 1998

Mr. WARNER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 Dollar Bill
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

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

5 (2) A version of this important document, con-
6 sisting of the preamble, a list of the Articles, and
7 the Bill of Rights, could easily be placed on the re-
8 verse side of the \$1 Federal reserve note.

9 (3) The placement of this version of the Con-
10 stitution on the \$1 Federal reserve note, a unit of
11 currency used daily by virtually all Americans, would
12 serve to remind people of the historical importance
13 of the Constitution and its impact on their lives
14 today.

15 (4) Americans would be reminded by the pre-
16 amble of the blessings of liberty, by the Articles, of
17 the framework of the Government, and by the Bill
18 of Rights, of some of the historical changes to the
19 document that forms the very core of the American
20 experience.

21 **SEC. 3. REDESIGN OF REVERSE SIDE OF THE \$1 BILL.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5114 of title 31, United
23 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
24 ing new subsection:

25 “(d) LIBERTY DOLLAR BILLS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the require-
2 ments of subsection (b) (relating to the inclusion of
3 the inscription ‘In God We Trust’ on all United
4 States currency) and the eighth undesignated para-
5 graph of section 16 of the Federal Reserve Act, the
6 design of the reverse side of \$1 Federal reserve
7 notes shall incorporate the preamble to the Constitu-
8 tion of the United States, a list of the Articles of the
9 Constitution, and a list of the first 10 amendments
10 to the Constitution.

11 “(2) DESIGN.—Subject to paragraph (3), the
12 preamble to the Constitution of the United States,
13 the first 10 amendments to the Constitution, and
14 the list of the Articles of the Constitution shall ap-
15 pear on the reverse side of the \$1 Federal reserve
16 note, in such form as the Secretary deems appro-
17 priate.

18 “(3) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.—The require-
19 ments of this subsection shall not be construed as—

20 “(A) prohibiting the inclusion of any other
21 inscriptions or material on the reverse side of
22 the \$1 Federal reserve note that the Secretary
23 may determine to be necessary or appropriate;
24 or

1 “(B) limiting any other authority of the
2 Secretary with regard to the design of the \$1
3 Federal reserve note, including the adoption of
4 any design features to deter the counterfeiting
5 of United States currency.”.

6 (b) DATE OF APPLICATION.—The amendment made
7 by subsection (a) shall apply to \$1 Federal reserve notes
8 that are first placed into circulation after December 31,
9 1999.

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