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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. REID, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. MACK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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”.

6 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to afford the public a
8 convenient way to contribute to funding for breast-cancer

1 research, the United States Postal Service shall establish
2 a special rate of postage for first-class mail under this sec-
3 tion.

4 (b) HIGHER RATE.—The rate of postage established
5 under this section—

6 (1) shall be 1 cent higher than the rate that
7 would otherwise apply;

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

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

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

16 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—

18 (A) PAYMENTS.—The amounts attrib-
19 utable to the 1-cent differential established
20 under this Act shall be paid by the United
21 States Postal Service to the Department of
22 Health and Human Services.

23 (B) USE.—Amounts paid under subpara-
24 graph (A) shall be used for breast-cancer re-

1 search and related activities to carry out the
2 purposes of this Act.

3 (C) FREQUENCY OF PAYMENTS.—Pay-
4 ments under subparagraph (A) shall be paid to
5 the Department of Health and Human Services
6 no less than twice in each calendar year.

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

13 (A) the total amount of revenues received
14 by the United States Postal Service that it
15 would not have received but for the enactment
16 of this Act, reduced by

17 (B) an amount sufficient to cover reason-
18 able administrative and other costs of the Unit-
19 ed States Postal Service attributable to carrying
20 out this Act.

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

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

1 (1) nothing in this Act should directly or indi-
2 rectly cause a net decrease in total funds received by
3 the Department of Health and Human Services or
4 any other agency or instrumentality of the Govern-
5 ment (or any component or other aspect thereof)
6 below the level that would otherwise have been an-
7 ticipated absent this Act; and

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

10 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORTS.**

11 The Postmaster General shall include in each annual
12 report rendered under section 2402 of title 39, United
13 States Code, information concerning the operation of this
14 Act.

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