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# H. R. 5128

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## 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 “National Park Anni-  
5       versaries—Great American Spaces Commemorative Coin  
6       Act”.

7       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8       The Congress finds the following:

1           (1) The National Park Foundation (NPF) is  
2           the congressionally-chartered nonprofit partner of  
3           America’s National Parks.

4           (2) The mission of the National Park Founda-  
5           tion is to strengthen the enduring connection be-  
6           tween the American people and their National Parks  
7           by raising private funds, making strategic grants,  
8           creating innovative partnerships and increasing pub-  
9           lic awareness of National Parks.

10          (3) The Parks represented in this program rep-  
11          resent some of the most beloved, and treasured Na-  
12          tional Parks in America.

13          (4) The National Park Service was established  
14          in 1916 to preserve and protect great scenic parks  
15          such as Grand Canyon and Yosemite is a time hon-  
16          ored tradition while also managing battlefields such  
17          as Gettysburg and historical sites such as the Lin-  
18          coln Memorial.

19          (5) Theodore Roosevelt said that nothing short  
20          of defending this country in wartime “compares in  
21          importance with the great task of leaving this land  
22          even a better land for our descendents than it is for  
23          us . . .”.

1           (6) Parks established under Theodore Roo-  
2           sevelt’s presidency, such as Grand Canyon and Dev-  
3           ils Tower, are the embodiment of this ideal.

4 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

5           (a) \$1 SILVER COINS FOR NATIONAL PARKS OB-  
6           SERVING HISTORIC ANNIVERSARIES OF THEIR FOUND-  
7           ING.—The Secretary of the Treasury (hereinafter in this  
8           Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall mint and issue  
9           not more than 300,000 \$1 coins for each of the National  
10          Parks specified in section 4(d), each of which shall—

- 11                   (1) weigh 26.73 grams;  
12                   (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and  
13                   (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent  
14          copper.

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

18          (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section  
19          5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted  
20          under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

21 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

22          (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

- 23                   (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins  
24          minted under this Act shall be developed in consulta-  
25          tion with the National Park Foundation and shall be

1 emblematic of the National Park being commemo-  
2 rated on each coin.

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

5 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

6 (B) an inscription of the year in which the  
7 coin is minted; and

8 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,  
9 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-  
10 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

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

13 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation  
14 with the Commission of Fine Arts and the National  
15 Parks Foundation; and

16 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Advisory Com-  
17 mittee established under section 5135 of title 31,  
18 United States Code

19 (c) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United  
20 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality  
21 of the coins minted under this Act.

22 (d) NATIONAL PARKS TO BE COMMEMORATED.—The  
23 National Parks to be commemorated, the year of com-  
24 memoration, and the anniversary to be observed are as  
25 follows:

Year of Issuance	National Park or Park Service	Anniversary
2007 .....	Devils Tower National Monument.	100th
2008 .....	Grand Canyon National Park.	100th
2010 .....	Glacier National Park ....	100th
2011 .....	Lincoln Memorial .....	100th
2014 .....	Yosemite National Park	150th
2015 .....	Rocky Mountain National Park.	100th
2016 .....	National Park Service ....	100th
2017 .....	Denali National Park ....	100th
2018 .....	Acadia National Park ....	100th
2019 .....	Zion National Park .....	100th
2020 .....	Gettysburg National Military Park.	125th

## 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) COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary  
5 may issue coins minted under this Act beginning January  
6 1 of the year of issuance as specified in section 4(d), ex-  
7 cept that the Secretary may initiate sales of such coins,  
8 without issuance, before such date.

9 (c) TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.—No  
10 coins shall be minted under this Act after December 31  
11 of the year of issuance specified in section 4(d).

## 12 SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.

13 (a) SALE PRICE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
14 sion of law, the coins issued under this Act shall be sold  
15 by the Secretary at a price equal to the face value, plus  
16 the cost of designing and issuing such coins (including  
17 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-  
18 penses, and marketing).

1 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk  
2 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable  
3 discount.

4 (c) PREPAID ORDERS AT A DISCOUNT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept  
6 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act  
7 before the issuance of such coins.

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

11 (d) SALES OF SINGLE COINS AND SETS OF COINS.—  
12 Coins of each design specified under section 4 may be sold  
13 separately or as a set containing other coins authorized  
14 in this Act.

15 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

16 (a) SURCHARGE REQUIRED.—All sales shall include  
17 a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

18 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of  
19 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges which are re-  
20 ceived by the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under  
21 this Act shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the  
22 National Park Foundation for use as follows:

23 (1) 50 percent of the surcharges received shall  
24 be used by the National Park Foundation in support  
25 of all National Parks.

1           (2) 50 percent received shall be used by the Na-  
2           tional Park Foundation for the benefit of the Na-  
3           tional Parks designated in section 4(d) (in addition  
4           to any amount allocable to any such Park from ex-  
5           penditures of amounts under paragraph (1)).

6           (c) AUDITS.—The National Park Foundation shall be  
7           subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of  
8           title 31, United States Code.

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