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H. R. 4876

To provide for the issuance of a Great Lakes Restoration Semipostal Stamp.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DAHLKEMPER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Natural Resources, 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

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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 “Great Lakes Restora-
5 tion Semipostal Stamp Act of 2010”.

6 **SEC. 2. GREAT LAKES RESTORATION STAMP.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to afford a convenient
8 way for members of the public to contribute to funding
9 for the operations supported by the Great Lakes Restora-

tion Initiative, as described under the fourth undesignated paragraph under the heading “Administrative Provisions, Environmental Protection Agency” in Public Law 111–88 (123 Stat. 2938; commonly known as the “Interior Department and Further Continuing Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010”), the United States Postal Service shall issue a semipostal stamp (referred to in this Act as the “Great Lakes Restoration Semipostal Stamp”) in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) COST.—The Great Lakes Restoration Semipostal Stamp shall be offered at a cost equal to the cost of mailing a letter weighing 1 ounce or less at the nonautomation single-piece first-ounce letter rate, in effect at the time of purchase, plus a differential of not less than 25 percent.

(c) OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The issuance and sale of the Great Lakes Restoration Semipostal Stamp shall be governed by the provisions of section 416 of title 39, United States Code, and regulations issued under such section, subject to subsection (b) and the following:

(1) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—All amounts becoming available from the sale of the Great Lakes Restoration Semipostal Stamp shall be transferred to the Environmental Protection Agency for the

1 purpose of funding the operations of the Initia-
2 tive described in subsection (a), through pay-
3 ments which shall be made at least twice a
4 year.

5 (B) PROCEEDS NOT TO BE OFFSET.—In
6 accordance with section 416(d)(4) of such title
7 39, amounts becoming available from the sale
8 of the Great Lakes Restoration Semipostal
9 Stamp (as so determined) shall not be taken
10 into account in any decision relating to the level
11 of appropriations or other Federal funding to
12 be furnished in any year to—

13 (i) the Environmental Protection
14 Agency; or

15 (ii) the Initiative identified in sub-
16 section (a).

17 (2) DURATION.—The Great Lakes Restoration
18 Semipostal Stamp shall be made available to the
19 public for a period of at least 5 years, beginning no
20 later than 12 months after the date of the enact-
21 ment of this Act.

22 (3) STAMP DEPICTIONS.—Stamps issued under
23 this Act shall depict images of each of the five Great
24 Lakes.

1 (4) LIMITATION.—The Great Lakes Restoration
2 Semipostal Stamp shall not be subject to, or taken
3 into account for purposes of applying, any limitation
4 under section 416(e)(1)(C) of such title 39.

5 (d) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term
6 “semipostal stamp” refers to a stamp described in section
7 416(a)(1) of title 39, United States Code.

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