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[Report No. 113–217]

To prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of official portraits of Members of Congress, heads of executive agencies, and heads of agencies and offices of the legislative branch.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12 (legislative day, DECEMBER 11), 2013

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. ROBERTS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

JULY 23, 2014

Reported by Mr. CARPER, without amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Responsible Use of
3 Taxpayer Dollars for Portraits Act of 2013”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL**
5 **PORTRAITS.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

7 (1) the term “executive agency” has the mean-
8 ing given the term in section 133 of title 41, United
9 States Code;

10 (2) the term “Member of Congress” includes a
11 Delegate or Resident Commissioner to Congress; and

12 (3) the term “portrait” means a painting.

13 (b) PROHIBITION.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
15 graph (2), no Federal funds may be used to pay for
16 the production of a portrait of—

17 (A) a Member of Congress;

18 (B) the head of an executive agency; or

19 (C) the head of an agency or office of the
20 legislative branch.

21 (2) INDIVIDUALS IN LINE OF SUCCESSION TO
22 PRESIDENCY.—Not more than \$20,000 in Federal
23 funds may be used to pay for the production of a
24 portrait of an individual who is in the line of succes-
25 sion to the Presidency under subsection (a), (b), or
26 (d) of section 19 of title 3, United States Code.

1 (c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
2 shall be construed to prohibit—

3 (1) the use of Federal funds to publicly display
4 a portrait of an individual described in subsection
5 (b)(1); or

6 (2) the use of funds other than Federal funds
7 to produce a portrait of an individual described in
8 subsection (b)(1), including, in the case of a portrait
9 of an individual described in subsection (b)(2), the
10 use of funds other than Federal funds to pay the en-
11 tire cost of producing the portrait or the portion of
12 the cost that exceeds \$20,000, if any.

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