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S. 323

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

JANUARY 29, 2015

Mrs. SHAHEEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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 “Responsible Use of
5 Taxpayer Dollars for Portraits Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL**
7 **PORTRAITS.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

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

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

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

7 (b) PROHIBITION.—

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

11 (A) a Member of Congress;

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

13 (C) the head of an agency or office of the
 14 legislative branch.

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

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

23 (1) the use of Federal funds to publicly display
 24 a portrait of an individual described in subsection

25 (b)(1); or

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

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