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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. JONES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Currency Optimiza-
5 tion, Innovation, and National Savings Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. GAO STUDY ON THE PRODUCTION OF THE PENNY.**

7 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
8 States shall carry out a study on the production cost of
9 the one-cent coin and ways the production cost could be
10 lowered while maintaining the utility of the one-cent coin.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
2 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall
3 issue a report to the Committee on the Budget and the
4 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of
5 the Senate and the Committee on the Budget and the
6 Committee on Financial Services of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives containing all findings and determinations
8 made in carrying out the study required under subsection
9 (a).

10 **SEC. 3. SAVING TAXPAYERS MONEY BY REPLACING \$1**
11 **NOTES WITH \$1 COINS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—It is the policy of the United
13 States that \$1 coins should replace \$1 Federal reserve
14 notes as the only \$1 monetary unit issued and circulated
15 by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

16 (b) FINAL DATE FOR PLACING \$1 NOTES INTO CIR-
17 CULATION.—Beginning on the date that is 2 years after
18 the date of enactment of this Act, the Board of Governors
19 of the Federal Reserve System may not issue \$1 Federal
20 reserve notes.

21 (c) TRANSITION PERIOD.—Before the date described
22 in subsection (b), the Board of Governors of the Federal
23 Reserve System shall ensure adequate supplies of \$1 coins
24 to meet the demand of such coins on and after such date.

1 (d) REMOVAL AND DESTRUCTION OF \$1 FEDERAL
2 RESERVE NOTES.—The Board of Governors of the Fed-
3 eral Reserve System shall ensure that all \$1 Federal re-
4 serve notes removed from circulation in accordance with
5 the date described in subsection (b) have been destroyed.

6 (e) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subsections (b)
7 and (c), the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve
8 System shall produce such Federal reserve notes of \$1 de-
9 nomination as the Board of Governors determines from
10 time to time are appropriate solely to meet the needs of
11 numismatic collectors of that denomination. Such collect-
12 ible versions of \$1 Federal reserve notes shall be sold in
13 accordance with other general provisions governing collect-
14 ible versions of notes.

15 (f) NO EFFECT ON LEGAL TENDER.—Notwith-
16 standing any other provision of this section, \$1 Federal
17 reserve notes are legal tender in the United States for all
18 debts, public and private, public charges, taxes, and du-
19 ties, regardless of the date of printing or issue.

