

and issue not more than 300,000 of each of the 9 \$1 coins authorized to be minted under this Act.

SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.

(a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the 50 years of exemplary and unparalleled achievements of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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

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

(B) an inscription of the year “2008”; and

(C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”, “In God We Trust”, “United States of America”, and “E Pluribus Unum”, and such other inscriptions as the Secretary may determine to be appropriate for the designs of the coins.

(3) COIN IMAGES.—

(A) \$50 COINS.—

(i) OBVERSE.—The obverse of the \$50 coins issued under this Act shall bear an image of the sun.

(ii) REVERSE.—The reverse of the \$50 coins issued under this Act shall bear a design emblematic of the sacrifice of the United States astronauts who lost their lives in the line of duty over the course of the space program.

(iii) HIGH RELIEF.—The design and inscriptions on the obverse and reverse of the \$50 coins issued under this Act shall be in high relief.

(B) \$1 COINS.—

(i) OBVERSE.—The obverse of the \$1 coins issued under this Act shall bear 9 different designs, each of which shall consist of an image of 1 of the 9 planets of the solar system, including Earth.

(ii) REVERSE.—The reverse of the \$1 coins issued under this Act shall bear different designs, each of which shall be emblematic of the contributions of the research and space centers, subject to the following requirements:

(I) EARTH COIN.—The reverse of the \$1 coins issued under this Act which bear an image of the Earth on the obverse shall bear images emblematic of, and honoring, the discoveries and missions of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Mercury, Gemini, and Space Shuttle missions and other manned Earth-orbiting missions, and the Apollo missions to the Moon.

(II) JUPITER COIN.—The reverse of the \$1 coins issued under this Act which bear an image of the planet Jupiter on the obverse shall include a scientifically accurate depiction of the Galilean moon Europa and depict both a past and future mission to Europa.

(III) SATURN COIN.—The reverse of the \$1 coins issued under this Act which bear an image of the planet Saturn on the obverse shall include a scientifically accurate depiction of the moon Titan and depict both a past and a future mission to Titan.

(IV) PLUTO (AND OTHER DWARF PLANETS) COIN.—The reverse of the \$1 coins issued under this Act which bear an image of the planet Pluto on the obverse shall include a design that is emblematic of telescopic exploration of deep space by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the ongoing search for Earth-like planets orbiting other stars.

(4) REALISTIC AND SCIENTIFICALLY ACCURATE DEPICTIONS.—The images for the designs of coins issued under this Act shall be selected on the basis of the realism and scientific accuracy of the images and on the extent to which the images are reminiscent of the dramatic and beautiful artwork on coins of the so-called “Golden Age of Coinage” in the United States, at the beginning of the Twentieth Century, with the participation of such

noted sculptors and medallic artists as James Earle Fraser, Augustus Saint-Gaudens, Victor David Brenner, Adolph A. Weinman, Charles E. Barber, and George T. Morgan.

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

(1) selected by the Secretary, after consultation with the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Commission of Fine Arts; and

(2) reviewed by the Citizens Coin Advisory Committee.

SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.

(a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this Act shall be issued in proof quality only.

(b) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United States Mint may be used to strike any particular combination of denomination and quality of the coins minted under this Act.

(c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including section 7(d), the Secretary—

(1) may accept orders for the coins authorized under this Act during the period beginning on January 1, 2008 and ending on December 31, 2008; and

(2) may mint and issue such coins required to fulfill such orders during the period beginning on January 1, 2008 and ending on December 31, 2009.

(d) EXCEPTION TO PROGRAM LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the minting or issuance of coins under this Act in 2009 does not—

(1) preclude the Secretary from including a surcharge on the issuance of any other commemorative coin minted or issued in 2009; and

(2) be counted against the annual 2 commemorative coin program minting and issuance limitation under section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code.

(e) ISSUANCE OF GOLD COINS.—Each gold coin minted under this Act may be issued only as part of a complete set with 1 of each of the 9 \$1 coins minted under this Act.

SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.

(a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum of—

(1) the face value of the coins;

(2) the surcharge provided in section 7(a) with respect to such coins; and

(3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

(b) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

(2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to prepaid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a reasonable discount.

(c) PRESENTATION.—In addition to the issuance of coins under this Act in such other methods of presentation as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, the Secretary shall provide, as a sale option, a presentation case which displays the \$50 gold coin in the center, surrounded by the \$1 silver coins in elliptical orbits. All such presentation cases shall bear a plaque with appropriate inscriptions that include the names and dates of the spacecraft missions on which United States astronauts lost their lives over the course of the space program and the names of such astronauts.

SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under this Act shall include a surcharge as follows:

(1) A surcharge of \$50 per coin for the \$50 coin.

(2) A surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin.

(3) A surcharge of \$1 per coin for any bronze duplicate minted under section 8.

(b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act shall be promptly distributed as follows:

(1) The first \$4,000,000 available for distribution under this section, to the NASA Family Assistance Fund, for the purpose of providing need-based financial assistance to the families of NASA personnel who lose their lives as a result of injuries suffered in the performance of their official duties.

(2) Of amounts available for distribution after the payment under paragraph (1), $\frac{1}{2}$ of the next \$1,000,000 to each of the following:

(A) The Dr. Ronald E. McNair Educational (D.R.E.M.E.) Science Literacy Foundation for the purposes of improving and strengthening the process of teaching and learning science, math, and technology at all educational levels, elementary through college through the promotion of innovative educational programs.

(B) The Challenger Center for Space Science Education, for the purposes of creating positive learning experiences using space science as a theme that raise student expectations of success, fostering a long-term interest in mathematics, science, and technology, and motivating students to pursue careers in these fields.

(3) The remainder of the amounts available for distribution after the payments under paragraphs (1) and (2), to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution for the preservation, maintenance, and display of space artifacts at the National Air and Space Museum (including the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center).

(c) AUDITS.—The NASA Family Assistance Fund, the Dr. Ronald E. McNair Educational Science Literacy Foundation, the Challenger Center for Space Science Education, and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution shall be subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with regard to the amounts received under subsection (b).

(d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin would result in the number of commemorative coin programs issued during such year to exceed the annual 2 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act). The Secretary may issue guidance to carry out this subsection.

SEC. 8. BRONZE DUPLICATES.

The Secretary may strike and sell bronze duplicates of the \$50 gold coins authorized under this Act, at a price determined by the Secretary to be appropriate. Such duplicates shall not be considered to be United States coins and shall not be legal tender.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I note this is a coin bill that was authored by Senator NELSON of Florida commemorating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of NASA, a historic moment. I commend Senator NELSON for his efforts.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2008

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, June 20; that following the prayer

and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date and the Senate resume consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 3221, the housing legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DODD. As previously announced, there will be no votes tomorrow or Monday. Senators should be prepared to vote Tuesday morning.

RECESS UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DODD. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:04 p.m., recessed until Friday, June 20, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RICHARD G. OLSON, JR., OF NEW MEXICO, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

BRENT R. ORRELL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR, VICE EMILY STOVER DEROCO.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

DIANE BARONE, OF NEVADA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 30, 2011, VICE DONALD D. DESHLER, TERM EXPIRED.

MARY E. CURTIS, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 25, 2011, VICE CARMEL BORDERS, TERM EXPIRING.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

J. PATRICK ROWAN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE KENNETH L. WAINSTEIN. GREGORY G. GARRE, OF MARYLAND, TO BE SOLICITOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, VICE PAUL D. CLEMENT, RESIGNED.

THE JUDICIARY

MICHAEL O'NEILL, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, VICE GLADYS KESSLER, RETIRED.

JEFFREY ADAM ROSEN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, VICE THOMAS F. HOGAN, RETIRED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

FRANK J. HALE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

DOUGLAS K. DUNBAR

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

KENNETH L. BEALE, JR.
THOMAS H. BROULLARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

LENARD M. KERR

MASAKI G. KUWANA, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

RALF C. BEILHARDT
ROBERT E. BESSEY
SCOTT W. BROWN
JERRY M. CARBONE
LISA A. FRANKLIN
WILLIAM J. GREENWOOD
HERMANN F. HINZE
CHRISTENSEN HSU
MEHTAB HUSAIN
THONDIQUE T. MCGHEE
RICHARD V. RITTER
JEAN C. SENECA
JAMES M. SUTTON
JOHN T. THOMPSON
RICHARD L. WILLIAMS

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To be lieutenant colonel

MICHAEL P. ABEL
MICHAEL C. ALBRECHT
CRAIG J. AMNOTT
MARIA E. ARCILA
MAYS L. ARNOLD
EDWARD H. BAILEY
HANS E. BAKKEN
LEE J. BARTON
ROBERT E. BENJAMIN
MICHAEL J. BENSON
GREGORY M. BEERNSTEIN
RICHARD A. BICKEL, JR.
DANIELLE N. BIRD
ERIC M. BLUMAN
STEPHEN A. BRASSELL
LORANEE E. BRAUN
JOHN P. BRIDE, JR.
SCOTT E. BRIETZKE
RICHARD O. BURNEY
ARTHUR L. CAMPBELL III
JOHN R. CHANCE
CHARLES J. CHITWOOD
BRYAN L. CHRISTENSEN
DAVID W. COLE
MICHAEL A. COLE
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CHRISTOPHER R. COTE
PETER J. CUENCA
PAUL J. CUNNINGHAM
GREGORY G. DAMMANN
COLIN Y. DANIELS
JASMINE T. DANIELS
KURT G. DAVIS
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SHAD H. DERER
KENT J. DEZEE
CHARLES S. DIETRICH III
MICHAEL W. ELLIS
ANDREW FLETCHER
ANTHONY M. FOLEY
TODD FUNKHOUSER
PHILIP J. GENTLESK
JAMES J. GIARRIZZO
LYNN M. GIARRIZZO
MELISSA L. GIVENS
RAYMOND G. GOOD
ERIC J. GOURLEY
JOSEPH D. GRAMLING
BRET A. GUIDRY
CHAD A. HALEY
FREDERICK B. HARRIS
DONALD L. HELLMAN, JR.
JEFFREY V. HILL
SEAN A. HOLLONBECK
DEAN H. HOMMER
CHRISTOPHER L. HUTSON
DANIEL J. IRIZARRY
JOHNSON ISAAC
LINDA G. JACKSON
AARON L. JACOB
CHRISTOPHER G. JARVIS
JEREMY S. JOHNSON
ADAM B. KANIS
DWIGHT C. KELLICUT
MATTHEW J. KELLY
SEUNG W. KIM
KURT G. KINNEY
MARY M. KLOTE
JEFFREY K. KLOTZ
KURTIS L. KOWALSKI
GREGORY T. LANG
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JENNIFER T. LANGE
GEORGE B. LANTZ
BRENT L. LECHNER
RONALD LEHMAN
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CHRISTINE F. LETTIERI
WILLIAM D. LEUSINK
ROMEO N. LIM
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JAMES B. LUCAS II
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RICHARD S. LUCIDI
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IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be commander

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DEAN L. HOELZ
DWIGHT A. HORN
GEORGE J. MENDES
VINSON W. MILLER
JEFFREY S. MILNE
DAVID D. SCHILLING
STEPHEN J. SHAW
STEVEN L. SOUDERS
WILLIAM D. STALLARD
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TIMOTHY R. WHITE

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To be commander

BRADLEY A. APPLEMAN
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