

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 770, with an Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 770

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HIMES (for himself, Mr. POSEY, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. COOPER, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, and Mr. ROE of Tennessee) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## 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 “American Innovation  
5 \$1 Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMERICAN INNOVATION \$1 COIN PROGRAM.**

7       Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is  
8 amended by inserting after subsection (v) the following  
9 new subsection:

10       “(w) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF \$1 COINS HON-  
11 ORING INNOVATION AND INNOVATORS FROM EACH  
12 STATE, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND EACH TERRI-  
13 TORY.—

14               “(1) REDESIGN BEGINNING IN 2019.—

15                       “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sub-  
16                       section (d)(1) and subsection (d)(2) and in ac-  
17                       cordance with the provisions of this subsection,  
18                       during the 14-year period beginning on January  
19                       1, 2019 (or such later date as provided under  
20                       subparagraph (B)(ii)), the Secretary of the  
21                       Treasury shall mint and issue \$1 coins to be  
22                       known as ‘American Innovation \$1 coins’,  
23                       that—

1 “(i) have designs on the obverse se-  
2 lected in accordance with paragraph  
3 (2)(A); and

4 “(ii) have a design on the reverse se-  
5 lected in accordance with paragraph  
6 (2)(B).

7 “(B) CONTINUITY PROVISIONS.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding  
9 subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall con-  
10 tinue to mint and issue \$1 coins honoring  
11 Native Americans and their contributions  
12 in accordance with subsection (r).

13 “(ii) FIRST COIN.—Notwithstanding  
14 subparagraph (A), if the Secretary finds  
15 that it is feasible and cost-effective, the  
16 Secretary may mint and issue a \$1 coin in  
17 2018 to introduce the series of coins de-  
18 scribed in this subsection, that—

19 “(I) has the obverse described  
20 under paragraph (2)(A);

21 “(II) has a reverse that bears the  
22 inscription ‘United States of America’  
23 and ‘American Innovators’ and a rep-  
24 resentation of the signature of Presi-

1 dent George Washington on the first  
2 United States patent issued;

3 “(III) has the edge-incusing de-  
4 scribed under paragraph (2)(C); and

5 “(IV) the design for which has  
6 reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Ad-  
7 visory Committee

8 “(C) DEFINITION OF TERRITORY.—For  
9 purposes of this subsection, the term ‘territory’  
10 means the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,  
11 Guam, American Samoa, the United States Vir-  
12 gin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the  
13 Northern Mariana Islands.

14 “(2) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—Notwith-  
15 standing subsection (d)(1) and subsection (d)(2), the  
16 \$1 coins issued in accordance with paragraph (1)(A)  
17 shall meet the following design requirements:

18 “(A) COIN OBERSE.—The common design  
19 on the obverse of each coin issued under this  
20 subsection shall contain—

21 “(i) a likeness of the Statue of Lib-  
22 erty extending to the rim of the coin and  
23 large enough to provide a dramatic rep-  
24 resentation of Liberty;

25 “(ii) the inscription ‘\$1’; and

1                   “(iii) the inscription ‘In God We  
2                   Trust’.

3                   “(B) COIN REVERSE.—The design on the  
4                   reverse of each coin issued under this sub-  
5                   section shall bear the following:

6                   “(i) An image or images emblematic  
7                   of one of the following from one of the 50  
8                   States, the District of Columbia, or the  
9                   territories of the United States:

10                           “(I) A significant innovation.

11                           “(II) An innovator.

12                           “(III) A group of innovators.

13                   “(ii) The name of the State, the Dis-  
14                   trict of Columbia, or territory, as applica-  
15                   ble.

16                   “(iii) The inscription ‘United States  
17                   of America’.

18                   “(C) EDGE-INCUSED INSCRIPTIONS.—

19                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—The inscription of  
20                   the year of minting or issuance of the coin,  
21                   the mint mark, and the inscription ‘E  
22                   Pluribus Unum’ shall be edge-incused into  
23                   the coin.

24                   “(ii) PRESERVATION OF DISTINCTIVE  
25                   EDGE.—The edge-incusing of the inscrip-

1           tions under clause (i) on coins issued  
2           under this subsection shall be done in a  
3           manner that preserves the distinctive edge  
4           of the coin so that the denomination of the  
5           coin is readily discernible, including by in-  
6           dividuals who are blind or visually im-  
7           paired.

8           “(3) ISSUANCE OF COINS COMMEMORATING IN-  
9           NOVATION OR INNOVATORS.—

10           “(A) ORDER OF ISSUANCE.—The coins  
11           issued under this subsection commemorating ei-  
12           ther an innovation, an individual innovator, or  
13           a group of innovators, from each State, the Dis-  
14           trict of Columbia, or a territory shall be issued  
15           in alphabetic order of the State, the District, or  
16           territory represented, starting with Alabama,  
17           and with the District of Columbia following  
18           Delaware.

19           “(B) ISSUANCE OF COINS COMMEMO-  
20           RATING FOUR INNOVATIONS OR INNOVATORS  
21           DURING EACH OF 14 YEARS.—

22           “(i) IN GENERAL.—Four \$1 coin de-  
23           signs as described in this subsection shall  
24           be issued during each year of the period  
25           referred to in paragraph (1) until one coin

1           featuring one innovation, an individual in-  
2           novator, or a group of innovators, from  
3           each of the States, the District of Colum-  
4           bia, and territories has been issued.

5           “(ii) NUMBER OF COINS OF EACH DE-  
6           SIGN.—The Secretary shall prescribe, on  
7           the basis of such factors as the Secretary  
8           determines to be appropriate, the number  
9           of \$1 coins that shall be issued with each  
10          of the designs selected for each year of the  
11          period referred to in paragraph (1).

12          “(iii) APPLICATION IN EVENT OF THE  
13          ADMISSION OF ADDITIONAL STATES OR  
14          TERRITORIES.—Notwithstanding clause (i),  
15          if any additional State or territory is ad-  
16          mitted into the Union before the end of the  
17          14-year period referred to in paragraph  
18          (1), the Secretary of the Treasury may  
19          issue \$1 coins with respect to such addi-  
20          tional State or territory, in accordance  
21          with this subsection during any one year of  
22          such 14-year period, in addition to the four  
23          \$1 coins issued during such year in accord-  
24          ance with clause (i).

1                   “(iv) APPLICATION IN THE EVENT OF  
2                   INDEPENDENCE.—Notwithstanding para-  
3                   graph (3)(B)(i), if any territory becomes  
4                   independent or otherwise ceases to be a  
5                   territory of the United States before \$1  
6                   coins are minted pursuant to this sub-  
7                   section, the subsection shall cease to apply  
8                   with respect to such territory.

9                   “(4) SELECTION OF CONCEPT AND DESIGN.—

10                   “(A) CONCEPT.—With respect to each  
11                   State, the District of Columbia, and each terri-  
12                   tory to be honored with a coin under this sub-  
13                   section, the selection of the significant innova-  
14                   tion, innovator, or group of innovators to be  
15                   borne on the reverse of such coin shall be made  
16                   by the Secretary of the Treasury, after con-  
17                   sultation with the Governor or other chief exec-  
18                   utive of the State, the District of Columbia, or  
19                   territory with respect to which a coin is to be  
20                   issued under this subsection.

21                   “(B) DESIGN.—Each of the designs re-  
22                   quired under this subsection shall be selected by  
23                   the Secretary after—

24                   “(i) consultation with—

1                   “(I) the Governor or other chief  
2                   executive of the State, the District of  
3                   Columbia, or territory with respect to  
4                   which a coin is to be issued under this  
5                   subsection; and

6                   “(II) the Commission of Fine  
7                   Arts; and

8                   “(ii) review by the Citizens Coinage  
9                   Advisory Committee.

10                  “(C) SELECTION AND APPROVAL PROC-  
11                  ESS.—Proposals for designs for \$1 coins under  
12                  this subsection may be submitted in accordance  
13                  with the design selection and approval process  
14                  developed by the Secretary in the sole discretion  
15                  of the Secretary.

16                  “(D) STANDARDS.—Because it is impor-  
17                  tant that the Nation’s coinage and currency  
18                  bear dignified designs of which the citizens of  
19                  the United States can be proud, the Secretary  
20                  shall not select any frivolous or inappropriate  
21                  design for any \$1 coin minted under this sub-  
22                  section.

23                  “(E) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN REP-  
24                  RESENTATIONS.—No head and shoulders por-  
25                  trait or bust of any person and no portrait of

1 a living person may be included in the design  
2 of any coin issued under this subsection.

3 “(5) TREATMENT AS NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For  
4 purposes of sections 5134 and 5136, all \$1 coins  
5 minted under this subsection shall be considered to  
6 be numismatic items.

7 “(6) ISSUANCE OF NUMISMATIC COINS.—The  
8 Secretary may mint and issue such number of \$1  
9 coins of each design selected under this subsection  
10 in uncirculated and proof qualities as the Secretary  
11 determines to be appropriate.

12 “(7) TERMINATION OF PROGRAM.—The  
13 issuance of coins under this subsection shall termi-  
14 nate when one innovation, an individual innovator,  
15 or a group of innovators, from each State, the Dis-  
16 trict of Columbia, and each territory has been hon-  
17 ored and may not be resumed except by an Act of  
18 Congress.”.