

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 1057, With an Amendment

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

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H. R. 1057

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

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BURGESS, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. STEIL, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mrs. LURLA, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. VEASEY, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. TONKO, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. POCAN, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. EMMER, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. KATKO, Mr. JACOBS of New York, Ms. DELBENE, and Ms. ADAMS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, and for other purposes.

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 “Greatest Generation
5 Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The National World War II Memorial was
9 dedicated in Washington, DC, on May 29, 2004, and
10 is located on the east end of the Reflecting Pool on
11 the National Mall, opposite the Lincoln Memorial
12 and west of the Washington Monument.

13 (2) The dedication of the National World War
14 II Memorial was the culmination of a 17-year effort
15 that started on December 10, 1987 when the World

1 War II Memorial Act was first introduced in the
2 House of Representatives, and was authorized by an
3 Act of Congress signed into law on May 25, 1993.
4 Construction began September 4, 2001, after several
5 years of fundraising and public hearings.

6 (3) Opening to the public on April 29, 2004,
7 the World War II Memorial is the first national me-
8 morial dedicated to all who served during World
9 War II and acknowledges the commitment and
10 achievement of the entire Nation.

11 (4) The Memorial honors the more than
12 16,000,000 who served in the Armed Forces of the
13 United States during World War II, the more than
14 400,000 who died, and the millions who supported
15 the war effort from home.

16 (5) It is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice,
17 and commitment of the American people to the com-
18 mon defense of the Nation and to the broader causes
19 of peace and freedom from tyranny throughout the
20 world.

21 (6) Today, the Memorial is a top destination for
22 millions of annual visitors from all over the country
23 and the world. For many young visitors, their visit
24 to the Memorial is a first glimpse to a grateful Na-

1 tion’s remembrance of the sacrifices made by the
2 World War II generation.

3 (7) For World War II veterans, the Memorial
4 is a special destination, a rendezvous point, and a
5 gathering place for reunions and commemoration
6 programs.

7 (8) The Friends of the National World War II
8 Memorial play a vital role in the preservation and
9 maintenance of the National World War II Memorial
10 as a treasure for the American people, while helping
11 to facilitate key commemorative and educational pro-
12 grams at the Memorial to pay tribute to America’s
13 “Greatest Generation” and their efforts to preserve
14 liberty for generations to come.

15 (9) The National World War II Memorial
16 stands as an important symbol of America’s national
17 unity, a timeless reminder of the moral strength and
18 power that flows when free people are at once united
19 and bonded together in a common and just cause for
20 liberty.

21 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

22 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treas-
23 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)
24 shall mint and issue the following coin:

1 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5
2 coins, which shall—

3 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

4 (B) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and

5 (C) contain not less than 90 percent gold.

6 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 400,000
7 \$1 coins, which shall—

8 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

9 (B) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

10 (C) contain not less than 90 percent silver.

11 (3) HALF-DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more
12 than 750,000 half-dollar coins which shall—

13 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

14 (B) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

15 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-
16 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title
17 31, United States Code.

18 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this
19 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
20 title 31, United States Code.

21 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
22 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
23 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
24 matic items.

1 **SEC. 4. DESIGNS OF COINS.**

2 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The designs of the coins
4 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
5 National World War II Memorial and the service
6 and sacrifice of American soldiers and civilians dur-
7 ing World War II.

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

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

11 (B) an inscription of the year “2024”; and

12 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,
13 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-
14 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

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

17 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
18 with the Commission of Fine Arts and the Friends
19 of the National World War II Memorial; and

20 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
21 Committee.

22 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

23 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this
24 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

1 (b) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
2 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year
3 period beginning on January 1, 2024.

4 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

8 (1) the face value of the coins;

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

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

14 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk
15 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable
16 discount.

17 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

21 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-
22 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-
23 sonable discount.

1 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued under this
3 Act shall include a surcharge of—

4 (1) \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin;

5 (2) \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin; and

6 (3) \$5 per coin for the half-dollar coin.

7 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
8 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
9 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
10 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the Friends
11 of the National World War II Memorial to support the
12 National Park Service in maintaining and repairing the
13 National World War II Memorial, and for educational and
14 commemorative programs.

15 (c) AUDITS.—The Friends of the National World
16 War II Memorial shall be subject to the audit require-
17 ments of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States
18 Code, with regard to the amounts received under sub-
19 section (b).

20 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
21 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
22 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
23 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
24 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
25 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
26 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under

1 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in
2 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-
3 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
4 this subsection.

5 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

6 The Secretary shall take such actions as may be nec-
7 essary to ensure that—

8 (1) minting and issuing coins under this Act
9 will not result in any net cost to the United States
10 Government; and

11 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,
12 shall be disbursed to any recipient designated in sec-
13 tion 7 until the total cost of designing and issuing
14 all of the coins authorized by this Act (including
15 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-
16 penses, marketing, and shipping) is recovered by the
17 United States Treasury, consistent with sections
18 5112(m) and 5134(f) of title 31, United States
19 Code.