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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. HARKIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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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 “Native American \$1  
5 Coin Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIVE AMERICAN \$1 COIN PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5112 of title 31, United  
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 “(r) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF CIRCULATING \$1  
6 COINS HONORING NATIVE AMERICANS AND THE IMPOR-  
7 TANT CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY INDIAN TRIBES AND IN-  
8 DIVIDUAL NATIVE AMERICANS IN UNITED STATES HIS-  
9 TORY.—

10 “(1) REDESIGN BEGINNING IN 2009.—Effective  
11 beginning January 1, 2009, notwithstanding sub-  
12 section (d), in addition to the coins to be issued pur-  
13 suant to subsection (n), and in accordance with this  
14 subsection, the Secretary shall mint and issue \$1  
15 coins that—

16 “(A) have as the designs on the obverse  
17 the so-called ‘Sakakawea design’; and

18 “(B) have a design on the reverse selected  
19 in accordance with paragraph (2)(A), subject to  
20 paragraph (3)(A).

21 “(2) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—The \$1 coins  
22 issued in accordance with paragraph (1) shall meet  
23 the following design requirements:

24 “(A) COIN REVERSE.—The design on the  
25 reverse shall bear—

1 “(i) images celebrating the important  
 2 contributions made by Indian tribes and  
 3 individual Native Americans to the devel-  
 4 opment of the United States and the his-  
 5 tory of the United States;

6 “(ii) the inscription ‘\$1’ ; and

7 “(iii) the inscription ‘United States of  
 8 America’.

9 “(B) COIN OBVERSE.—The design on the  
 10 obverse shall—

11 “(i) be chosen by the Secretary, after  
 12 consultation with the Commission of Fine  
 13 Arts and review by the Citizens Coinage  
 14 Advisory Committee; and

15 “(ii) contain the so-called ‘Sakakawea  
 16 design’ and the inscription ‘Liberty’.

17 “(C) EDGE-INCUSED INSCRIPTIONS.—

18 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The inscription of  
 19 the year of minting and issuance of the  
 20 coin and the inscriptions ‘E Pluribus  
 21 Unum’ and ‘In God We Trust’ shall be  
 22 edge-incused into the coin.

23 “(ii) PRESERVATION OF DISTINCTIVE  
 24 EDGE.—The edge-incusing of the inscrip-  
 25 tions under clause (i) on coins issued

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

7 “(D) REVERSE DESIGN SELECTION.—The  
8 designs selected for the reverse of the coins de-  
9 scribed under this subsection—

10 “(i) shall be chosen by the Secretary  
11 after consultation with the Committee on  
12 Indian Affairs of the Senate, the Congres-  
13 sional Native American Caucus of the  
14 House of Representatives, the Commission  
15 of Fine Arts, and the National Congress of  
16 American Indians;

17 “(ii) shall be reviewed by the Citizens  
18 Coinage Advisory Committee;

19 “(iii) may depict individuals and  
20 events such as—

21 “(I) the creation of Cherokee  
22 written language;

23 “(II) the Iroquois Confederacy;

24 “(III) Wampanoag Chief  
25 Massasoit;

1 “(IV) the ‘Pueblo Revolt’;

2 “(V) Olympian Jim Thorpe;

3 “(VI) Ely S. Parker, a general  
4 on the staff of General Ulysses S.  
5 Grant and later head of the Bureau of  
6 Indian Affairs; and

7 “(VII) code talkers who served  
8 the United States Armed Forces dur-  
9 ing World War I and World War II;  
10 and

11 “(iv) in the case of a design depicting  
12 the contribution of an individual Native  
13 American to the development of the United  
14 States and the history of the United  
15 States, shall not depict the individual in a  
16 size such that the coin could be considered  
17 to be a ‘2-headed’ coin.

18 “(3) ISSUANCE OF COINS COMMEMORATING 1  
19 NATIVE AMERICAN EVENT DURING EACH YEAR.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each design for the  
21 reverse of the \$1 coins issued during each year  
22 shall be emblematic of 1 important Native  
23 American or Native American contribution each  
24 year.

1           “(B) ISSUANCE PERIOD.—Each \$1 coin  
2           minted with a design on the reverse in accord-  
3           ance with this subsection for any year shall be  
4           issued during the 1-year period beginning on  
5           January 1 of that year and shall be available  
6           throughout the entire 1-year period.

7           “(C) ORDER OF ISSUANCE OF DESIGNS.—  
8           Each coin issued under this subsection com-  
9           memorating Native Americans and their con-  
10          tributions—

11                 “(i) shall be issued, to the maximum  
12                 extent practicable, in the chronological  
13                 order in which the Native Americans lived  
14                 or the events occurred, until the termi-  
15                 nation of the coin program described in  
16                 subsection (n); and

17                 “(ii) thereafter shall be issued in any  
18                 order determined to be appropriate by the  
19                 Secretary, after consultation with the Com-  
20                 mittee on Indian Affairs of the Senate, the  
21                 Congressional Native American Caucus of  
22                 the House of Representatives, and the Na-  
23                 tional Congress of American Indians.

24           “(4) ISSUANCE OF NUMISMATIC COINS.—The  
25           Secretary may mint and issue such number of \$1

1 coins of each design selected under this subsection  
2 in uncirculated and proof qualities as the Secretary  
3 determines to be appropriate.

4 “(5) QUANTITY.—The number of \$1 coins  
5 minted and issued in a year with the design in ac-  
6 cordance with this subsection shall be not less than  
7 20 percent of the total number of \$1 coins minted  
8 and issued in such year under this subsection and  
9 subsection (n).”.

10 (b) MARKETING PROGRAM.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
12 ury shall carry out a cost-effective, continuing cam-  
13 paign to encourage commercial enterprises to accept  
14 and dispense \$1 coins that have as designs on the  
15 obverse the so-called “Sakakawea design”.

16 (2) REPORT.—The Secretary of the Treasury  
17 shall submit to Congress an annual report on the  
18 success of the efforts described in paragraph (1).

19 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

20 (a) PRESIDENTIAL \$1 COIN PROGRAM.—Section  
21 5112(n) of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (1)—

23 (A) by striking the paragraph designation  
24 and heading and all that follows through “Not-

1           withstanding subsection (d)” and inserting the  
2           following:

3           “(1) REDESIGN BEGINNING IN 2007.—Notwith-  
4           standing subsection (d)”;

5                   (B) by striking subparagraph (B); and

6                   (C) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as  
7           subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and  
8           indenting the subparagraphs appropriately; and

9           (2) by striking “Sacagawea-design” each place  
10          it appears and inserting “Sakakawea-design”.

11          (b) REMOVAL OF BARRIERS TO CIRCULATION OF \$1  
12 COIN.—Section 5112(p) of title 31, United States Code,  
13 is amended in paragraphs (3)(C) and (5) by striking  
14 “Sacagawea-design” each place it appears and inserting  
15 “Sakakawea-design”.

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