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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in conjunction with the minting of coins by the Republic of Iceland in commemoration of the millennium of the discovery of the New World by Leif Ericson.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEACH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and 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 **TITLE I—LEIF ERICSON MILLEN-**
4 **NIUM COMMEMORATIVE COIN**

5 **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

6 This title may be cited as the “Leif Ericson Millen-
7 nium Commemorative Coin Act”.

1 **SEC. 102. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

2 (a) \$1 SILVER COINS.—In conjunction with the si-
3 multaneous minting and issuance of commemorative coins
4 by the Republic of Iceland in commemoration of the mil-
5 lennium of the discovery of the New World by Leif Eric-
6 son, the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in this title
7 referred to as the “Secretary”) shall mint and issue not
8 more than 500,000 1 dollar coins, which shall—

9 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

10 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

11 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
12 copper.

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

16 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
17 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted
18 under this title shall be considered to be numismatic items.

19 **SEC. 103. SOURCES OF BULLION.**

20 The Secretary may obtain silver for minting coins
21 under this title from any available source, including stock-
22 piles established under the Strategic and Critical Mate-
23 rials Stock Piling Act.

24 **SEC. 104. DESIGN OF COINS.**

25 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
2 minted under this title shall be emblematic of the
3 millennium of the discovery of the New World by
4 Leif Ericson.

5 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
6 each coin minted under this title there shall be—

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

8 (B) an inscription of the year “2000”; and

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

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

14 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
15 with the Leifur Eiriksson Foundation and the Com-
16 mission of Fine Arts; and

17 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative
18 Coin Advisory Committee.

19 **SEC. 105. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

20 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this
21 title shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

22 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only one facility of the United
23 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality
24 of the coins minted under this title.

1 (c) COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary
2 may issue coins minted under this title beginning January
3 1, 2000.

4 (d) TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.—No
5 coins may be minted under this title after December 31,
6 2000.

7 **SEC. 106. SURCHARGES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under
9 this title shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

10 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—All surcharges received by the
11 Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this title
12 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the Leifur
13 Eiríksson Foundation for the purpose of funding student
14 exchanges between students of the United States and stu-
15 dents of Iceland.

16 (c) AUDITS.—The Leifur Eiríksson Foundation shall
17 be subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2)
18 of title 31, United States Code, with regard to the
19 amounts received by the Foundation under subsection (b).

20 **SEC. 107. GENERAL WAIVER OF PROCUREMENT REGULA-**
21 **TIONS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
23 (b), no provision of law governing procurement or public
24 contracts shall be applicable to the procurement of goods

1 and services necessary for carrying out the provisions of
2 this title.

3 (b) EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.—Sub-
4 section (a) shall not relieve any person entering into a con-
5 tract under the authority of this title from complying with
6 any law relating to equal employment opportunity.

7 **TITLE II—CAPITOL VISITOR** 8 **CENTER COMMEMORATIVE COIN**

9 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

10 This title may be cited as the “United States Capitol
11 Visitor Center Commemorative Coin Act of 1999”.

12 **SEC. 202. FINDINGS.**

13 Congress finds that—

14 (1) Congress moved to Washington, District of
15 Columbia, and first convened in the Capitol building
16 in the year 1800;

17 (2) the Capitol building is now the greatest visi-
18 ble symbol of representative democracy in the world;

19 (3) the Capitol building has approximately
20 5,000,000 visitors annually and suffers from a lack
21 of facilities necessary to properly serve them;

22 (4) the Capitol building and persons within the
23 Capitol have been provided with excellent security
24 through the dedication and sacrifice of the United
25 States Capitol Police;

1 (5) Congress has appropriated \$100,000,000,
2 to be supplemented with private funds, to construct
3 a Capitol Visitor Center to provide continued high
4 security for the Capitol and enhance the educational
5 experience of visitors to the Capitol;

6 (6) Congress would like to offer the opportunity
7 for all persons to voluntarily participate in raising
8 funds for the Capitol Visitor Center; and

9 (7) it is appropriate to authorize coins com-
10 memorating the first convening of the Congress in
11 the Capitol building with proceeds from the sale of
12 the coins, less expenses, being deposited for the
13 United States Capitol Preservation Commission with
14 the specific purpose of aiding in the construction,
15 maintenance, and preservation of a Capitol Visitor
16 Center.

17 **SEC. 203. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

18 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treas-
19 ury (hereafter in this title referred to as the “Secretary”)
20 shall mint and issue the following coins under this title:

21 (1) BIMETALLIC COINS.—Not more than
22 200,000 \$10 bimetallic coins of gold and platinum,
23 in accordance with such specifications as the Sec-
24 retary determines to be appropriate.

1 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 500,000
2 \$1 coins, which shall—

3 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

5 (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-
6 cent copper.

7 (3) HALF DOLLAR.—Not more than 750,000
8 half dollar clad coins, each of which—

9 (A) shall weigh 11.34 grams;

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

11 (C) be minted to the specifications for half
12 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title
13 31, United States Code.

14 (b) \$5 GOLD COINS.—If the Secretary determines
15 that the minting and issuance of bimetallic coins under
16 subsection (a)(1) is not feasible, the Secretary may mint
17 and issue instead not more than 100,000 \$5 coins, which
18 shall—

19 (1) weigh 8.359 grams;

20 (2) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and

21 (3) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent
22 alloy.

23 (c) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this
24 title shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
25 title 31, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 204. SOURCES OF BULLION.**

2 (a) PLATINUM AND GOLD.—The Secretary shall ob-
3 tain platinum and gold for minting coins under this title
4 from available sources.

5 (b) SILVER.—The Secretary may obtain silver for
6 minting coins under this title from stockpiles established
7 under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling
8 Act, and from other available sources.

9 **SEC. 205. DESIGN OF COINS.**

10 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
12 minted under this title shall be emblematic of the
13 first meeting of the United States Congress in the
14 United States Capitol Building.

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

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

18 (B) an inscription of the year “2001”; and

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

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

24 (1) selected by the Secretary, after consultation
25 with the United States Capitol Preservation Com-

1 mission (in this title referred to as the “Commis-
2 sion”) and the Commission of Fine Arts; and

3 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative
4 Coin Advisory Committee.

5 **SEC. 206. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

6 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this
7 title shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

8 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United
9 States Mint may be used to strike any particular combina-
10 tion of denomination and quality of the coins minted under
11 this title.

12 (c) FIRST USE OF YEAR 2001 DATE.—The coins
13 minted under this title shall be the first commemorative
14 coins of the United States to be issued bearing the inscrip-
15 tion of the year “2001”.

16 (d) PROMOTION CONSULTATION.—The Secretary
17 shall—

18 (1) consult with the Commission in order to es-
19 tablish a role for the Commission or an entity des-
20 ignated by the Commission in the promotion, adver-
21 tising, and marketing of the coins minted under this
22 title; and

23 (2) if the Secretary determines that such action
24 would be beneficial to the sale of coins minted under
25 this title, enter into a contract with the Commission

1 or an entity referred to in paragraph (1) to carry
2 out the role established under paragraph (1).

3 **SEC. 207. SALE OF COINS.**

4 (a) **SALE PRICE.**—The coins minted under this title
5 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum
6 of—

7 (1) the face value of the coins;

8 (2) the surcharge provided in subsection (d)
9 with respect to such coins; and

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

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

16 (c) **PREPAID ORDERS.**—

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

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

23 (d) **SURCHARGES.**—All sales under this title shall in-
24 clude a surcharge established by the Secretary, in an
25 amount equal to not more than—

1 (1) \$50 per coin for the \$10 coin or \$35 per
2 coin for the \$5 coin;

3 (2) \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin; and

4 (3) \$3 per coin for the half dollar coin.

5 **SEC. 208. DISTRIBUTION OF SURCHARGES.**

6 All surcharges received by the Secretary from the sale
7 of coins minted under this title shall be deposited in the
8 Capitol Preservation Fund in accordance with section
9 5134(f) of title 31, United States Code, and shall be made
10 available to the Commission for the purpose of aiding in
11 the construction, maintenance, and preservation of a Cap-
12 itol Visitor Center.

13 **TITLE III—LEWIS AND CLARK**
14 **EXPEDITION COMMEMORA-**
15 **TIVE COIN**

16 **SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.**

17 This title may be cited as the “Lewis and Clark Expe-
18 dition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act”.

19 **SEC. 302. FINDINGS.**

20 The Congress finds that—

21 (1) the expedition commanded by Meriwether
22 Lewis and William Clark, which came to be called
23 “The Corps of Discovery”, was one of the most re-
24 markable and productive scientific and military ex-
25 ploring expeditions in all American history;

1 (2) President Thomas Jefferson gave Lewis and
2 Clark the mission to “explore the Missouri River &
3 such principal stream of it, as, by its course and
4 communication with the waters of the Pacific Ocean,
5 whether the Columbia, Oregon, Colorado, or any
6 other river may offer the most direct and practical
7 water communication across this continent for the
8 purposes of commerce”;

9 (3) the Expedition, in response to President
10 Jefferson’s directive, greatly advanced our geo-
11 graphical knowledge of the continent and prepared
12 the way for the extension of the American fur trade
13 with American Indian tribes throughout the land;

14 (4) President Jefferson directed the explorers to
15 take note of and carefully record the natural re-
16 sources of the newly acquired territory known as
17 Louisiana, as well as diligently report on the native
18 inhabitants of the land;

19 (5) the Expedition departed St. Louis, Missouri
20 on May 14, 1804;

21 (6) the Expedition held its first meeting with
22 American Indians at Council Bluff near present-day
23 Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, in August 1804, spent its
24 first winter at Fort Mandan, North Dakota, crossed
25 the Rocky Mountains by the mouth of the Columbia

1 River in mid-November of that year, and wintered at
2 Fort Clatsop, near the present-day city of Astoria,
3 Oregon;

4 (7) the Expedition returned to St. Louis, Mis-
5 souri, on September 23, 1806, after a 28-month
6 journey covering 8,000 miles during which it tra-
7 versed 11 future States: Illinois, Missouri, Kansas,
8 Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Mon-
9 tana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon;

10 (8) accounts from the journals of Lewis and
11 Clark and the detailed maps that were prepared by
12 the Expedition enhance knowledge of the western
13 continent and routes for commerce;

14 (9) the Expedition significantly enhanced ami-
15 cable relationships between the United States and
16 the autonomous American Indian nations, and the
17 friendship and respect fostered between American
18 Indian tribes and the Expedition represents the best
19 of diplomacy and relationships between divergent na-
20 tions and cultures; and

21 (10) the Lewis and Clark Expedition has been
22 called the most perfect expedition of its kind in the
23 history of the world and paved the way for the
24 United States to become a great world power.

1 **SEC. 303. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

2 (a) DENOMINATION.—In commemoration of the bi-
3 centennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the Sec-
4 retary of the Treasury (hereafter in this title referred to
5 as the “Secretary”) shall mint and issue not more than
6 500,000 \$1 coins, each of which shall—

7 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

8 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

9 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
10 copper.

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

14 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
15 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted
16 under this title shall be considered to be numismatic items.

17 **SEC. 304. SOURCES OF BULLION.**

18 The Secretary may obtain silver for minting coins
19 under this title from any available source, including stock-
20 piles established under the Strategic and Critical Mate-
21 rials Stock Piling Act.

22 **SEC. 305. DESIGN OF COINS.**

23 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
25 minted under this title shall be emblematic of the ex-
26 pedition of Lewis and Clark.

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

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

4 (B) an inscription of the year “2004” and
5 the years “1804–1806”; and

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

9 (3) OBVERSE OF COIN.—The obverse of each
10 coin minted under this title shall bear the likeness
11 of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

12 (4) GENERAL DESIGN.—In designing this coin,
13 the Secretary shall also consider incorporating ap-
14 propriate elements from the Jefferson Peace and
15 Friendship Medal which Lewis and Clark presented
16 to the Chiefs of the various Indian tribes they en-
17 countered and shall consider recognizing Native
18 American culture.

19 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
20 under this title shall be selected by the Secretary after
21 consultation with the Commission of Fine Arts and shall
22 be reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory
23 Committee.

1 **SEC. 306. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

2 (a) **QUALITY OF COINS.**—Coins minted under this
3 title shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

4 (b) **MINT FACILITY.**—Only one facility of the United
5 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality
6 of the coins minted under this title.

7 (c) **PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.**—The Secretary may
8 issue coins minted under this title only during the period
9 beginning on January 1, 2004, and ending on December
10 31, 2004.

11 **SEC. 307. SALE OF COINS.**

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

15 (1) the face value of the coins;

16 (2) the surcharge provided in subsection (d)
17 with respect to such coins; and

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

21 (b) **BULK SALES.**—The Secretary shall make bulk
22 sales of the coins issued under this title at a reasonable
23 discount.

24 (c) **PREPAID ORDERS.**—

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

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

7 (d) SURCHARGES.—All sales of coins minted under
8 this title shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

9 **SEC. 308. DISTRIBUTION OF SURCHARGES.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section 5134(f) of title
11 31, United States Code, the proceeds from the surcharges
12 received by the Secretary from the sale of coins issued
13 under this title shall be promptly paid by the Secretary
14 as follows:

15 (1) NATIONAL LEWIS AND CLARK BICENTEN-
16 NIAL COUNCIL.—Two-thirds to the National Lewis
17 and Clark Bicentennial Council, for activities associ-
18 ated with commemorating the bicentennial of the
19 Lewis and Clark Expedition.

20 (2) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.—One-third to
21 the National Park Service for activities associated
22 with commemorating the bicentennial of the Lewis
23 and Clark Expedition.

24 (b) AUDITS.—Each organization that receives any
25 payment from the Secretary under this section shall be

1 subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of
2 title 31, United States Code.

3 **SEC. 309. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

4 (a) NO NET COST TO THE GOVERNMENT.—The Sec-
5 retary shall take such actions as may be necessary to en-
6 sure that minting and issuing coins under this title will
7 not result in any net cost to the United States Govern-
8 ment.

9 (b) PAYMENT FOR COINS.—A coin shall not be issued
10 under this title unless the Secretary has received—

11 (1) full payment for the coin;

12 (2) security satisfactory to the Secretary to in-
13 demnify the United States for full payment; or

14 (3) a guarantee of full payment satisfactory to
15 the Secretary from a depository institution whose
16 deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insur-
17 ance Corporation or the National Credit Union Ad-
18 ministration Board.

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