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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 29, 2003

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

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 “Liberty Bill Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds that—

3 (1) many Americans are unaware of the provi-
4 sions of the Constitution of the United States, one
5 of the most remarkable and important documents in
6 world history;

7 (2) an abbreviated version of the Constitution,
8 consisting of the preamble, a list of the Articles, and
9 a list of the Amendments, could easily be placed on
10 the reverse side of \$1 Federal reserve notes;

11 (3) the placement of an abbreviated version of
12 the Constitution on \$1 Federal reserve notes would
13 remind the American people of the historical impor-
14 tance of the Constitution and its impact on their
15 lives today;

16 (4) the preamble would remind Americans of
17 the blessings of liberty;

18 (5) the Articles would remind Americans of the
19 framework of the United States Government;

20 (6) the Amendments would remind Americans
21 of the historical changes to this living document that
22 forms the very core of the American experience; and

23 (7) people throughout the world would also
24 learn about the framework of a republican govern-
25 ment, the blessings of liberty, and the ideals of

1 human rights through the exchange of American
2 currency.

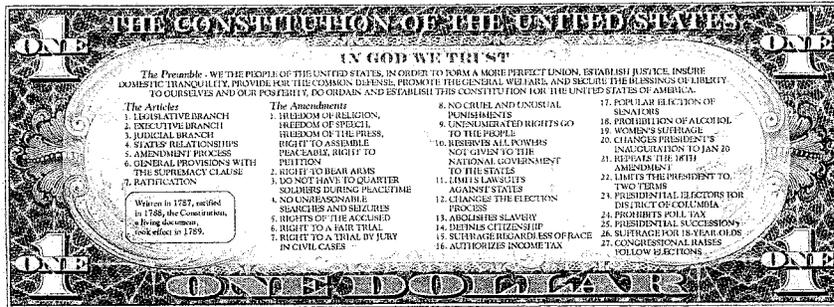
3 **SEC. 3. REDESIGN OF REVERSE SIDE OF FEDERAL RE-**
4 **SERVE NOTES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5114 of title 31, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new subsection:

8 “(d) LIBERTY BILLS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the require-
10 ments of subsection (b) (relating to the inclusion of
11 the inscription ‘In God We Trust’ on all United
12 States currency) and the 8th undesignated para-
13 graph of section 16 of the Federal Reserve Act, the
14 design of the reverse side of the lowest denomination
15 of Federal reserve notes shall incorporate the pre-
16 amble to the Constitution of the United States, a list
17 describing the Articles of the Constitution, and a list
18 describing the Amendments to the Constitution.

19 “(2) DESIGN.—Subject to paragraph (3), the
20 preamble to the Constitution of the United States
21 and lists describing the Articles and Amendments of
22 the Constitution shall appear on the reverse side of
23 the \$1 Federal reserve notes in the following format:



1 “(3) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.—The require-
2 ments of this subsection shall not be construed as—

3 “(A) prohibiting the inclusion of any other
4 inscriptions or material on the reverse side of
5 Federal reserve notes which the Secretary may
6 determine to be necessary or appropriate; or

7 “(B) limiting any other authority of the
8 Secretary with regard to the design of Federal
9 reserve notes, including the adoption of any de-
10 sign features to deter the counterfeiting of
11 United States currency.”.

12 (b) DATE OF APPLICATION.—The amendment made
13 by subsection (a) shall apply to the lowest denomination
14 of Federal reserve notes which are first place into circula-
15 tion after December 31, 2003.

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