

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 807, With an Amendment

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

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H. R. 807

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the invaluable service that working dogs provide to society.

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A BILL

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the invaluable service that working dogs provide to society.

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 “Working Dog Com-
5 memorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Dogs going back thousands of years have
9 been tied to humans whether for protection, compan-
10 ionship, or assisting in daily activities.

11 (2) The United States had an unofficial canine
12 military presence assisting soldiers in the Civil War
13 and World War I, but military K–9s did not become
14 officially recognized until March 13, 1942. During
15 the height of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq it is
16 estimated that the United States military employed
17 near 2,500 K–9s.

18 (3) Military K–9s have seen service in every
19 major United States combat since World War I and
20 have been praised by military leadership as an indis-

1 pensable asset for military, police, government, and
2 private security teams around the world.

3 (4) In 2000, Congress passed “Robby’s Law”
4 which allowed for the adoption of military K–9s by
5 law enforcement agencies, former handlers, and
6 other care groups.

7 (5) Since 2000, military K–9s have left service
8 and gone onto work explosive detection for police
9 forces, and work as service dogs for veterans and
10 families.

11 (6) Beyond their military working capacity,
12 working dogs provide enhanced mobility assist and
13 renewed independence for the injured and disabled.
14 Service dogs are able to support veterans struggling
15 after war, hear for those who are deaf, see for those
16 who are blind, and even sense changes in a person’s
17 body before a seizure. Working dogs play a vital role
18 in improving the lives of many.

19 (7) The service dog programs of America’s
20 VetDogs were created to provide enhanced mobility
21 and renewed independence to United States vet-
22 erans, active-duty service members, and first re-
23 sponders with disabilities.

24 (8) America’s VetDogs provides—

1 (A) guide dogs for individuals who are
2 blind or have low vision;

3 (B) hearing dogs for those who have lost
4 their hearing later in life by alerting to alarms,
5 door bells, sirens, and more;

6 (C) service dogs for those with other phys-
7 ical disabilities that are specially trained to pro-
8 vide balance, retrieve dropped items, open and
9 close doors, turn on and off lights, carry a
10 backpack, and more;

11 (D) facility dogs which are specially
12 trained to spend time working with wounded
13 veterans recovering at military hospitals and
14 veterans medical centers;

15 (E) dogs that work with physical and occu-
16 pational therapists as they treat soldiers and
17 become an essential part of the healing process;
18 and

19 (F) PTSD service dogs that are trained to
20 help mitigate the symptoms of PTSD by pro-
21 viding the emotional and physical support a vet-
22 eran may need.

23 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

24 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treas-
25 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)

1 shall mint and issue the following coins in commemoration
2 of the invaluable service that working dogs provide to soci-
3 ety.

4 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 50,000 \$5
5 coins, which shall—

6 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

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

8 (C) contain 90 percent gold.

9 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 500,000
10 \$1 coins, which shall—

11 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

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

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

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

16 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

17 (B) be struck on a planchet having a di-
18 ameter of 1.205 inches; and

19 (C) be minted to the specifications for half-
20 dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title
21 31, United States Code.

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

1 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
2 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
3 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
4 matic items.

5 **SEC. 4. DESIGNS OF COINS.**

6 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The designs of the coins
8 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
9 vast contributions that working dogs serve in society
10 to include the range of services that these dogs pro-
11 vide in detection, military service, therapy and as-
12 sistance.

13 (2) DESIGNS AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each coin
14 minted under this Act, there shall be—

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

16 (B) an inscription of the year “2027”; and

17 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,

18 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-

19 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

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

22 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
23 with—

24 (A) America’s VetDogs; and

25 (B) the Commission of Fine Arts; and

1 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
2 Committee.

3 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

6 (b) **MINT FACILITY.**—Only 1 facility of the United
7 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality
8 of the coins minted under this Act.

9 (c) **PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.**—The Secretary may
10 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year
11 period beginning on January 1, 2027.

12 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

16 (1) the face value of the coins;

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

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

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

25 (c) **PREPAID ORDERS.**—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
2 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
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 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

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

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

11 (2) \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin; and

12 (3) \$5 per coin for the half-dollar coin.

13 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f)(1) of
14 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
15 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
16 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to America’s
17 VetDogs for application to general expenses associated
18 with the fulfillment of the mission of America’s VetDogs,
19 including for costs associated with—

20 (1) personnel related to training, dog care, and
21 consumer needs;

22 (2) consultants to facilitate the training of
23 America’s VetDogs Certified Service Dog Instruc-
24 tors; and

1 (3) travel, room and board for clients served by
2 America's VetDogs.

3 (c) AUDITS.—The Comptroller General of the United
4 States shall have the right to examine such books, records,
5 documents, and other data of each of the organizations
6 referred to in subsection (b) as may be related to the ex-
7 penditures of amounts paid under that subsection.

8 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
9 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
10 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
11 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
12 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
13 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
14 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
15 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in
16 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-
17 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
18 this subsection.

19 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

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

22 (1) minting and issuing coins under this Act
23 will not result in any net cost to the United States
24 Government; and

1 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,
2 are disbursed to any recipient designated in section
3 7 until the total cost of designing and issuing all of
4 the coins authorized by this Act (including labor,
5 materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses,
6 marketing, and shipping) is recovered by the United
7 States Treasury, consistent with sections 5112(m)
8 and 5134(f) of title 31, United States Code.

9 **SEC. 9. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

10 (a) **STATUTORY PAYGO SCORECARDS.**—The budg-
11 etary effects of this section shall not be entered on either
12 PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of
13 the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C.
14 933(d)).

15 (b) **SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.**—The budgetary
16 effects of this section shall not be entered on any PAYGO
17 scorecard maintained for purposes of section 4106 of H.
18 Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress).