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# H. R. 4526

To provide for the issuance of a semipostal for the American Battle Monuments Commission.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAFICANT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## A BILL

To provide for the issuance of a semipostal for the American Battle Monuments Commission.

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. SEMIPOSTAL FOR AMERICAN BATTLE MONU-  
4       MENTS COMMISSION.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 39, United  
6       States Code, is amended by inserting after section 414 the  
7       following:

1    **“§ 414a. Special postage stamps for the American Bat-**2                    **tle Monuments Commission**3                “(a) In order to afford the public a convenient way  
4 to contribute to funding for the American Battle Monu-  
5 ments Commission, the Postal Service shall establish a  
6 special rate of postage for first-class mail under this sec-  
7 tion.8                “(b) The rate of postage established under this  
9 section—10                “(1) shall be equal to the regular first-class rate  
11 of postage, plus a differential of not to exceed 25  
12 percent;13                “(2) shall be set by the Governors in accord-  
14 ance with such procedures as the Governors shall by  
15 regulation prescribe (in lieu of the procedures under  
16 chapter 36); and17                “(3) shall be offered as an alternative to the  
18 regular first-class rate of postage.19    The use of the special rate of postage established under  
20 this section shall be voluntary on the part of postal pa-  
21 trons.22                “(c)(1) Amounts becoming available for the American  
23 Battle Monuments Commission pursuant to this section  
24 shall be paid to the Commission in accordance with such  
25 arrangements as the Postal Service shall by mutual agree-  
26 ment with the Commission establish, except that, under

1 those arrangements, payments shall be made at least twice  
2 a year.

3       “(2) For purposes of this section, the term ‘amounts  
4 becoming available for the American Battle Monuments  
5 Commission pursuant to this section’ means—

6           “(A) the total amounts received by the Postal  
7 Service that it would not have received but for the  
8 enactment of this section, reduced by

9           “(B) an amount sufficient to cover reasonable  
10 costs incurred by the Postal Service in carrying out  
11 this section, including those attributable to the  
12 printing, sale, and distribution of stamps under this  
13 section,

14 as determined by the Postal Service under regulations that  
15 it shall prescribe.

16       “(d) It is the sense of the Congress that nothing in  
17 this section should—

18           “(1) directly or indirectly cause a net decrease  
19 in any Federal funding for the American Battle  
20 Monuments Commission; or

21           “(2) affect regular first-class rates of postage  
22 or any other regular rates of postage.

23       “(e) Special postage stamps under this section shall  
24 be made available to the public beginning on such date  
25 as the Postal Service shall by regulation prescribe, but in

1 no event later than 12 months after the date of the enact-  
2 ment of this section.

3       “(f) The Postmaster General shall include in each re-  
4 port rendered under section 2402 with respect to any pe-  
5 riod during any portion of which this section is in effect  
6 information concerning the operation of this section, ex-  
7 cept that, at a minimum, each shall include—

8           “(1) the total amount described in subsection  
9           (c)(2)(A) which was received by the Postal Service  
10          during the period covered by such report; and

11           “(2) of the amount under paragraph (1), how  
12          much (in the aggregate and by category) was re-  
13          quired for the purposes described in subsection  
14          (c)(2)(B).

15           “(g) This section shall cease to be effective at the  
16          end of the 2-year period beginning on the date on which  
17          special postage stamps under this section are first made  
18          available to the public.”.

19        (b) REPORT BY THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF  
20  THE UNITED STATES.—No later than 3 months (but no  
21  earlier than 6 months) before the end of the 2-year period  
22  referred to in section 414a(g) of title 39, United States  
23  Code (as amended by subsection (a)), the Comptroller  
24  General of the United States shall submit to the Congress

1 a report on the operation of such section. Such report shall  
2 include—

3 (1) an evaluation of the effectiveness and the  
4 appropriateness of the authority provided by such  
5 section as a means of fund-raising; and

6 (2) a description of the monetary and other re-  
7 sources required of the Postal Service in carrying  
8 out such section.

9 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) The analysis  
10 for chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, is amended  
11 by striking the item relating to section 414 and inserting  
12 the following:

“414. Special postage stamps to benefit breast cancer research.

“414a. Special postage stamps for the American Battle Monuments Commis-  
sion.”.

13 (2) The heading for section 414 of title 39, United  
14 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

15 **“§ 414. Special postage stamps to benefit breast can-  
16 cer research”.**

