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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LAUTENBERG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental 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. SEMIPOSTAL STAMP FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT**

4                   **OF THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL.**

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 stamp for the establishment**

2                   **of the World War II Memorial**

3         “(a) In order to afford the public a convenient way  
4 to contribute to funding for the establishment of the  
5 World War II Memorial, the Postal Service shall establish  
6 a 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); and

17                “(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 establish-  
23 ment of the World War II Memorial under this section  
24 shall be paid to the American Battle Monuments Commis-  
25 sion. Payments under this section shall be made under  
26 such arrangements as the Postal Service shall by mutual

1 agreement with the American Battle Monuments Commis-  
2 sion establish in order to carry out the purposes of this  
3 section, except that, under those arrangements, payments  
4 to such Commission shall be made at least twice a year.

5       “(2) For purposes of this section, the term ‘amounts  
6 becoming available for the establishment of the World War  
7 II Memorial under this section’ means—

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

11           “(B) an amount sufficient to cover full costs in-  
12 curred by the Postal Service in carrying out this sec-  
13 tion, including those attributable to the printing,  
14 sale, and distribution of stamps under this section,  
15 as determined by the Postal Service under regulations that  
16 it shall prescribe.

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

19           “(1) directly or indirectly cause a net decrease  
20 in total Federal funding received by the American  
21 Battle Monuments Commission below the level that  
22 would otherwise have been received but for the en-  
23 actment of this section; or

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

1       “(e) Special postage stamps under this section shall  
2 be made available to the public beginning on such date  
3 as the Postal Service shall by regulation prescribe, but in  
4 no event later than 270 days after the date of the enact-  
5 ment of this section or, if earlier, May 28, 2001 (Memorial  
6 Day).

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

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

15           “(2) of the amount under paragraph (1), how  
16 much (in the aggregate and by category) was re-  
17 quired for the purposes described in subsection  
18 (c)(2)(B).

19       “(g) This section shall cease to be effective 2 years  
20 after the earlier of the date of issuance of a stamp under  
21 this section, or the date of a determination of the Post-  
22 master General (in consultation with the American Battle  
23 Monuments Commission) that the Commission has or will  
24 have the funds necessary to pay all expenses of the estab-  
25 lishment of the World War II Memorial. Any excess funds

1 shall be deposited in the fund within the Treasury of the  
2 United States created by section 2113 of title 36 and may  
3 be used for any of the purposes allowable under such sec-  
4 tion.

5       “(h) Section 416 shall not apply to this section.

6       “(i) As used in this section, the term ‘World War II  
7 Memorial’ refers to the memorial the construction of which  
8 is authorized by Public Law 103–32.”.

9       (b) 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 establishment of the World War II Me-  
morial.”.

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”.**

