

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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In title LI of division E, after section 5105, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5106. WORKING DOG COMMEMORATIVE COIN.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Dogs going back thousands of years have
4 been tied to humans whether protection, companion-
5 ship, or assisting in daily activities.

6 (2) The United States had an unofficial canine
7 military presence assisting soldiers in the Civil War
8 and World War I, but military K-9s did not become
9 officially recognized until March 13, 1942. During
10 the height on the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq it
11 is estimated that the United States military em-
12 ployed near 2,500 K-9s.

13 (3) Military K-9s have seen service in every
14 major United States combat since World War I and
15 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 (b) COIN SPECIFICATIONS.—

24 (1) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the
25 Treasury (hereafter in this section referred to as the

1 “Secretary”) shall mint and issue the following coins
2 in commemoration of the invaluable service that
3 working dogs provide to society.

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

6 (i) weigh 8.359 grams;

7 (ii) have a diameter of 0.850 inches;

8 and

9 (iii) contain 90 percent gold.

10 (B) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than
11 500,000 \$1 coins, which shall—

12 (i) weigh 26.73 grams;

13 (ii) have a diameter of 1.500 inches;

14 and

15 (iii) contain not less than 90 percent
16 silver.

17 (C) HALF-DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not
18 more than 750,000 half-dollar coins which
19 shall—

20 (i) weigh 11.34 grams;

21 (ii) be struck on a planchet having a
22 diameter of 1.205 inches; and

23 (iii) be minted to the specifications for
24 half-dollar coins contained in section
25 5112(b) of title 31, United States Code.

1 (2) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under
2 this section shall be legal tender, as provided in sec-
3 tion 5103 of title 31, United States Code.

4 (3) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sec-
5 tion 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code,
6 all coins minted under this section shall be consid-
7 ered to be numismatic items.

8 (c) DESIGNS OF COINS.—

9 (1) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—The designs of the
11 coins minted under this section shall be em-
12 blematic of the vast contributions that working
13 dogs serve in society to include the range of
14 services that these dogs provide in detection,
15 military service, therapy and assistance.

16 (B) DESIGNS AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
17 each coin minted under this section, there shall
18 be—

19 (i) a designation of the value of the
20 coin;

21 (ii) an inscription of the year “2023”
22 ; and

23 (iii) inscriptions of the words “Lib-
24 erty”, “In God We Trust”, “United States
25 of America”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

1 (2) SELECTION.—The designs for the coins
2 minted under **【this section】** shall be—

3 (A) selected by the Secretary after con-
4 sultation with—

5 (i) America’s VetDogs; and

6 (ii) the Commission of Fine Arts; and

7 (B) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advi-
8 sory Committee.

9 (d) ISSUANCE OF COINS.—

10 (1) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under
11 this section shall be issued in uncirculated and proof
12 qualities.

13 (2) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the
14 United States Mint may be used to strike any par-
15 ticular quality of the coins minted under this sec-
16 tion.

17 (3) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary
18 may issue coins minted under this section only dur-
19 ing the 1-year period beginning on January 1, 2023.

20 (e) SALE OF COINS.—

21 (1) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this
22 section shall be sold by the Secretary at a price
23 equal to the sum of—

24 (A) the face value of the coins;

1 (B) the surcharge provided in subsection
2 f(1) with respect to such coins; and

3 (C) the cost of designing and issuing the
4 coins (including labor, materials, dies, use of
5 machinery, overhead expenses, marketing, and
6 shipping).

7 (2) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make
8 bulk sales of the coins issued under this section at
9 a reasonable discount.

10 (3) PREPAID ORDERS.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ac-
12 cept prepaid orders for the coins minted under
13 this section before the issuance of such coins.

14 (B) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect
15 to prepaid orders under subparagraph (A) shall
16 be at a reasonable discount.

17 (f) SURCHARGES.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued
19 under this section shall include a surcharge of—

20 (A) \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin;

21 (B) \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin; and

22 (C) \$5 per coin for the half-dollar coin.

23 (2) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section
24 5134(f)(1) of title 31, United States Code, all sur-
25 charges received by the Secretary from the sale of

1 coins issued under this section shall be promptly
2 paid by the Secretary to America's VetDogs for ap-
3 plication to general expenses associated with the ful-
4 fillment of the mission of America's VetDogs, includ-
5 ing for costs associated with—

6 (A) personnel related to training, dog care,
7 and consumer needs;

8 (B) consultants to facilitate the training of
9 America's VetDogs Certified Service Dog In-
10 structors; and

11 (C) travel, room and board for clients
12 served by America's VetDogs.

13 (3) AUDITS.—The Comptroller General of the
14 United States shall have the right to examine such
15 books, records, documents, and other data of each of
16 the organizations referred to in paragraph (2) as
17 may be related to the expenditures of amounts paid
18 under that paragraph.

19 (4) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding paragraph
20 (1), no surcharge may be included with respect to
21 the issuance under this section of any coin during a
22 calendar year if, as of the time of such issuance, the
23 issuance of such coin would result in the number of
24 commemorative coin programs issued during such
25 year to exceed the annual 2 commemorative coin

1 program issuance limitation under section
2 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in ef-
3 fect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The
4 Secretary of the Treasury may issue guidance to
5 carry out this paragraph.

6 (g) FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.— The Secretary shall
7 take such actions as may be necessary to ensure that—

8 (1) minting and issuing coins under this section
9 will not result in any net cost to the United States
10 Government; and

11 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,
12 are disbursed to any recipient designated in sub-
13 section (f) until the total cost of designing and
14 issuing all of the coins authorized by this section (in-
15 cluding labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
16 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping) is re-
17 covered by the United States Treasury, consistent
18 with sections 5112(m) and 5134(f) of title 31,
19 United States Code.

