

Union Calendar No. 192

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3074

[Report No. 119-235]

To direct the Secretary of the Treasury to stop minting the penny, to require cash transactions to be rounded up or down to the nearest five cents, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 2025

Mrs. MCCLAIN (for herself and Mr. GARCIA of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 29, 2025]

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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 “Common Cents Act”.*

5 **SEC. 2. SPECIFICATIONS OF 5-CENT COINS AND ELIMI-**
6 **NATION OF ONE-CENT COINS.**

7 *Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is amend-*
8 *ed—*

9 *(1) in subsection (a)—*

10 *(A) in paragraph (5), by striking “weighs 5*
11 *grams.” and inserting the following: “weighs—*

12 *“(A) 5 grams, with respect to such coin that*
13 *is an alloy of copper and nickel; or*

14 *“(B) between 4 and 6 grams, with respect*
15 *to such coin as described in subsection (c).”;* and

16 *(B) in paragraph (6)—*

17 *(i) by striking “except as provided*
18 *under subsection (c) of this section,”; and*

19 *(ii) by striking “and weighs 3.11*
20 *grams”;*

21 *(2) in subsection (b)—*

22 *(A) in the sixth sentence—*

23 *(i) by inserting “either” before “an*
24 *alloy”;* and

1 (ii) by inserting “or a composition de-
2 scribed in subsection (c)” before the period;

3 (B) by inserting “with respect to such coins
4 that are an alloy of copper and nickel” after
5 “nickel required”; and

6 (C) by striking “Except” through “zinc”
7 and inserting “The one-cent coin is composed of
8 copper and zinc”;

9 (3) by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-
10 lows:

11 “(c) 5-CENT COIN.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The 5-cent coin may be a
13 coin with an inner layer of zinc and an outer layer
14 of nickel.

15 “(2) COMPOSITION.—The Secretary may pre-
16 scribe the composition of zinc and nickel in the 5-cent
17 coin, subject to testing and evaluation that such com-
18 position reduces the cost incurred to produce such
19 coin.”; and

20 (4) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(bb) ELIMINATION OF ONE-CENT COIN.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
23 provision of law, the Secretary shall cease production
24 of one-cent coins for general circulation, but may con-

1 *tinue to produce and issue one-cent coins for sale as*
2 *numismatic items.*

3 *“(2) NO EFFECT ON LEGAL TENDER.—Any one-*
4 *cent coin that is minted and issued on any date be-*
5 *fore the date of the enactment of this subsection shall*
6 *remain legal tender for all debts, public charges,*
7 *taxes, and dues.”.*

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