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To amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from minting or issuing 1-cent coins.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. LEE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Make Sense Not Cents
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that Congress has the sole
8 authority to coin money and regulate currency.

1 **SEC. 3. DISCONTINUATION OF 1-CENT COINS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury
3 may not mint or issue a 1-cent coin.

4 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

5 (1) Title 31, United States Code, is amended—

6 (A) in section 5112—

7 (i) in subsection (a)—

8 (I) by striking paragraph (6);

9 and

10 (II) by redesignating paragraphs

11 (7) through (12) as paragraphs (6)

12 through (11), respectively;

13 (ii) in subsection (b), by striking the

14 eighth sentence;

15 (iii) by striking subsection (c);

16 (iv) in subsection (i), by striking “(7),

17 (8), (9), and (10)” each place the term ap-

18 pears and inserting “(6), (7), (8), and

19 (9)”;

20 (v) in subsection (j), by striking “(7),

21 (8), (9), or (10)” and inserting “(6), (7),

22 (8), or (9)”;

23 (vi) in subsection (v), by striking

24 “paragraph (12)” each place the term ap-

25 pears and inserting “paragraph (11)”;

1 (B) in section 5113(a), by striking the
2 third sentence; and

3 (C) in section 5132(a), by striking
4 “through (6)” each place the term appears and
5 inserting “through (5)”.

6 (2) Section 408(m)(3)(A)(i) of the Internal
7 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking
8 “paragraph (7), (8), (9), or (10)” and inserting
9 “paragraph (6), (7), (8), or (9)”.

10 **SEC. 4. NO EFFECT ON LEGAL TENDER.**

11 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, or
12 any amendment made by this Act, one-cent coins are legal
13 tender in the United States for all debts, public and pri-
14 vate, public charges, taxes, and duties, regardless of the
15 date of minting or issue.

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