

105<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1585

To allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for breast–cancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 1997

Ms. MOLINARI (for herself, Mr. FAZIO of California, and Mr. NORWOOD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and National Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Stamp Out Breast  
5       Cancer Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to afford the public a  
3 convenient way to contribute to funding for breast–cancer  
4 research, the United States Postal Service shall establish  
5 a special rate of postage for first class mail under this  
6 section.

7 (b) HIGHER RATE.—The rate of postage established  
8 under this section—

9 (1) shall be 1 cent higher than the rate that  
10 would otherwise apply;

11 (2) may be established without regard to any  
12 procedures under chapter 36 of title 39, United  
13 States Code, and notwithstanding any other provi-  
14 sion of law; and

15 (3) shall be offered as an alternative to the rate  
16 that would otherwise apply.

17 The use of the rate of postage established under this sec-  
18 tion shall be voluntary on the part of postal patrons.

19 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Of the total amounts attrib-  
21 utable to the 1-cent differential established under  
22 this Act, the United States Postal Service shall  
23 pay—

24 (A) 70 percent to the National Institutes  
25 of Health, and

1 (B) the remainder to the Department of  
2 Defense.

3 Payments under this paragraph to an agency shall  
4 be made under such arrangements as the United  
5 States Postal Service shall by mutual agreement  
6 with such agency establish in order to carry out the  
7 purposes of this Act, except that, under those ar-  
8 rangements, payments to each agency shall be made  
9 at least twice a year.

10 (2) AMOUNTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE 1-CENT  
11 DIFFERENTIAL.—For purposes of this subsection,  
12 the term “amounts attributable to the 1-cent dif-  
13 ferential established under this Act” means, as de-  
14 termined by the United States Postal Service under  
15 regulations that it shall prescribe—

16 (A) the total amount of revenues received  
17 by the United States Postal Service that it  
18 would not have received but for the enactment  
19 of this Act, reduced by

20 (B) an amount sufficient to cover reason-  
21 able administrative and other costs of the Unit-  
22 ed States Postal Service attributable to carrying  
23 out this Act.

1 (d) SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS.—The United States  
2 Postal Service may provide for the design and sale of spe-  
3 cial postage stamps to carry out this Act.

4 (e) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Con-  
5 gress that—

6 (1) nothing in this Act should directly or indi-  
7 rectly cause a net decrease in total funds received by  
8 the National Institutes of Health, the Department of  
9 Defense, or any other agency or instrumentality of  
10 the Government (or any component or other aspect  
11 thereof) below the level that would otherwise have  
12 been anticipated absent this Act; and

13 (2) nothing in this Act should affect regular  
14 first-class rates or any other regular rate of postage.

15 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORTS.**

16 The Postmaster General shall include in each annual  
17 report rendered under section 2402 of title 39, United  
18 States Code, information concerning the operation of this  
19 Act.

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