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NASA 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act

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Chamber: Senate

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jun 19, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commemorations

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 6455	Companion bill	Jul 16, 2008: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 885.
110 HR 2750	Related bill	Aug 3, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Summary (as of Jun 19, 2008)

NASA 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act - Directs the Secretary of the Treasury, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), to mint and issue \$50 gold and \$1 silver coins emblematic of the 50 years of exemplary and unparalleled achievements of NASA.

Requires all such coin sales to include a surcharge of \$50 per \$50 coin, and of \$10 per \$1 coin.

Requires distribution of the first \$4 million to the NASA Family Assistance Fund for financial assistance to the families of NASA personnel who die as a result of injuries suffered in the performance of their official duties.

Requires distribution of: (1) one-half of the next \$1 million of the remaining amounts to the Dr. Ronald E. McNair Educational (D.R.E.M.E.) Science Literacy Foundation and the Challenger Center for Space Science Education; and (2) the remainder to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution for the preservation, maintenance, and display of space artifacts at the National Air and Space Museum (including the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center).

Authorizes the Secretary to strike and sell bronze duplicates of the \$50 gold coins.

Actions Timeline

- Jun 20, 2008: Received in the House.
- Jun 20, 2008: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Jun 20, 2008: Held at the desk.
- Jun 19, 2008: Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- Jun 19, 2008: Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S5915-5917)
- Jun 19, 2008: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S5915-5917)
- Jun 19, 2008: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S5915-5917)
- Oct 15, 2007: Introduced in Senate
- Oct 15, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.