
HR 3137

To amend title 39, United States Code, to provide clarification relating to the authority of the United States Postal Service to accept donations as an additional source of funding for commemorative plaques.

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: Jul 9, 2009

Current Status: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Federal Financial

Latest Action: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security. (Oct 19, 2009)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred to	Oct 19, 2009
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Markup By	Jul 10, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Allows the United States Postal Service (USPS) to accept monetary donations for the funding of plaques in connection with the commemorative designation of postal facilities.

Requires the USPS to provide for a plaque after a law has been enacted for such designation and sufficient amounts have been received.

Allows, with the donor's consent, use of amounts received in excess of those needed for funding a plaque for any other such designated facility.

Prohibits construing this Act to: (1) affect the authority of the USPS regarding requirements concerning the design, placement, and limitation on costs relating to commemorative plaques, so long as the requirements are applied uniformly; or (2) limit, supersede, or render inapplicable any other authority or duty of the USPS regarding the commemorative designation of a facility or the funding, commissioning, or installation of a plaque in connection with such a designation.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 19, 2009:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security.
- **Sep 16, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Sep 15, 2009:** Mr. Towns moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 15, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9506-9507, H9536)
- **Sep 15, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3137.
- **Sep 15, 2009:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 15, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 414 - 0 (Roll no. 702).(text: CR H9506)
- **Sep 15, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 414 - 0 (Roll no. 702). (text: CR H9506)
- **Sep 15, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 10, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 10, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 9, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 9, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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