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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2236

To provide for the issuance of a Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 16, 2011

Mr. SABLAN (for himself, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. HONDA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. WU, Mrs. MALONEY, Mrs. CAPPES, Mr. KIND, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. BOREN, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. FORTENBERRY, and Mr. LUJÁN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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 “Wildlife Refuge System  
5 Conservation Semipostal Stamp Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM CONSERVATION**  
2 **SEMIPOSTAL STAMP.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to afford a convenient  
4 way for members of the public to contribute to funding  
5 for the maintenance backlog and operational shortfall of  
6 the National Wildlife Refuge System, the United States  
7 Postal Service shall issue a semipostal stamp (referred to  
8 in this Act as the “Wildlife Refuge System Conservation  
9 Semipostal Stamp”) in accordance with the provisions of  
10 this section.

11 (b) COST AND USE.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Wildlife Refuge System  
13 Conservation Semipostal Stamp shall be offered at a  
14 cost equal to the cost of mailing a letter weighing 1  
15 ounce or less at the nonautomation single-piece first-  
16 ounce letter rate, in effect at the time of purchase,  
17 plus a differential of not less than 15 percent.

18 (2) VOLUNTARY USE.—The use of any  
19 semipostal issued under this section shall be vol-  
20 untary on the part of postal patrons.

21 (3) SPECIAL RATE.—The special rate of postage  
22 of an individual stamp under this section shall be an  
23 amount that is evenly divisible by 5.

24 (c) OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The issuance  
25 and sale of the Wildlife Refuge System Conservation  
26 Semipostal Stamp shall be governed by the provisions of

1 section 416 of title 39, United States Code, and regula-  
2 tions issued under such section, subject to subsection (b)  
3 and the following:

4 (1) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—All amounts becoming  
6 available from the sale of the Wildlife Refuge  
7 System Conservation Semipostal Stamp (as de-  
8 termined under section 416(d) of such title 39)  
9 shall be transferred to the United States Fish  
10 and Wildlife Service, for the purpose described  
11 in subsection (a), through payments which shall  
12 be made at least twice a year, with the proceeds  
13 to be allocated to the National Wildlife Refuge  
14 System appropriation subactivity.

15 (B) PROCEEDS NOT TO BE OFFSET.—In  
16 accordance with section 416(d)(4) of such title  
17 39, amounts becoming available from the sale  
18 of the Wildlife Refuge System Conservation  
19 Semipostal Stamp (as so determined) shall not  
20 be taken into account in any decision relating  
21 to the level of appropriations or other Federal  
22 funding to be furnished in any year to—

23 (i) the United States Fish and Wild-  
24 life Service; or

1 (ii) any of the funds identified in sub-  
2 paragraph (A).

3 (2) DURATION.—The Wildlife Refuge System  
4 Conservation Semipostal Stamp shall be made avail-  
5 able to the public for a period of at least 2 years,  
6 beginning no later than 12 months after the date of  
7 the enactment of this Act.

8 (3) LIMITATION.—The Wildlife Refuge System  
9 Conservation Semipostal Stamp shall not be subject  
10 to, or taken into account for purposes of applying,  
11 any limitation under section 416(e)(1)(C) of such  
12 title 39.

13 (d) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term  
14 “semipostal stamp” refers to a stamp described in section  
15 416(a)(1) of title 39, United States Code.

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