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Wednesday, September 14, 1988

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND COINAGE,  
COMMITTEE ON BANKING, FINANCE AND URBAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, DC.*

The subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 9:34 a.m., in room 2128, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Frank Annunzio, [chairman of the subcommittee] presiding.

Chairman ANNUNZIO. We will come to order.

This morning the subcommittee meets to hear testimony on legislation authorizing the minting of silver dollars in commemoration of the birth of Dwight David Eisenhower in 1990.

I want to commend the sponsors of this legislation, especially the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. Goodling, for his willingness to cooperate with the subcommittee on this legislation.

It is the policy of the subcommittee to require that before any coin bill may be considered, that it be cosponsored by at least 218 Members of the House. Mr. Goodling has worked long and hard. I know, I have had many personal conversations with him. And the bill now has 251 cosponsors.

So the subcommittee is very grateful for you upholding the criteria that we have on commemorative coins.

Now, I would like to recognize Mr. Wylie, the ranking Republican on the full committee.

Mr. WYLIE. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

I am pleased that we are taking up this bill today. And I want to commend you for holding these hearings.

I, too, would like to especially commend my colleague, Mr. Goodling from Pennsylvania. I know how hard he has worked to comply with the rules of this subcommittee. It isn't easy to get 218 signatures on anything, but he has now around 250, I understand.

I am also happy to be a cosponsor of this bill to authorize the minting of the Eisenhower dollar. This measure has special significance to me because I met General Eisenhower during World War II at the Rhine River crossing. And later on, after he was President, he was a fine, inspiring leader to me.

I think the idea of placing an image of President Eisenhower on a dollar coin to commemorate his birthday will exemplify the values and ideals that Americans would be proud of in a commemorative coin, and it's an excellent way to reinforce those values.



I like Ike, and I have a feeling the rest of the subcommittee likes Ike. And I'm optimistic that we will report the bill out in timely fashion this morning.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman ANNUNZIO. Thank you very much, Mr. Wylie.

Now, I summarized my statement, so I'm asking unanimous consent that my entire statement on the Eisenhower silver dollar be made part of the record.

Are there any objections? Hearing none, it is so ordered.

[The prepared statement of Chairman Annunzio follows:]

OPENING STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE FRANK ANNUNZIO  
HEARING ON H.R. 3654  
DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT OF 1987  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1988

This morning the Subcommittee meets to hear testimony on legislation authorizing the minting of up to ten million silver dollars in commemoration of the centennial of the birth of Dwight David Eisenhower in 1990.

I want to commend the sponsor of this legislation, the gentleman of Pennsylvania, Mr. Goodling, for his willingness to cooperate with the Subcommittee on this legislation. It is the policy of the Subcommittee to require that before any coin bill may be considered that it be cosponsored by at least 218 Members of the House. Mr. Goodling worked hard, and the bill now has 251 cosponsors.

Prior to attaining the requisite number of cosponsors, the House considered legislation, to which the Senate had attached an amendment offered by the distinguished Senate Minority Leader, that was similar to Mr. Goodling's bill. Because of the House rule, Senator Dole's amendment was removed. Since the legislation was brought up by unanimous consent, the gentleman from Pennsylvania could have attempted to hold the bill hostage by objecting to the request. However, he recognized the importance of the House rules in assuring that commemorative coins are only issued for significant national events. Rather than attempt to shortcircuit the procedure designed to protect the integrity of the nation's coinage, he agreed to abide by it.

Mr. Goodling withheld his objection. I know he was disappointed, but he put his personal feelings aside so that the legislative process could work. His patience and perseverance have borne fruit, and this morning we meet to consider his legislation.

In a similar vein, I appreciate the understanding shown by our distinguished colleagues from the other Body, Senators Dole and Heinz. I can understand their disappointment that this legislation could not have remained part of H.R. 3251. Rather than try to precipitate a confrontation, they had confidence that the legislation could stand on its own merits and meet the criteria applied to coin legislation in the House.

Between 1971 and 1978, the United States issued a dollar coin bearing the likeness of Dwight David Eisenhower. In the ordinary course of business, it is unusual to honor someone with a coin a second time, but Eisenhower, like only a few others, was no ordinary man.

I congratulate my colleague from Pennsylvania on a well thought out and crafted bill. This Subcommittee has tried to avoid the errors of the past in having multiple commemorative coin issues in a single year. There are no other commemorative coins scheduled for 1990 and thus this bill will not conflict with any other program. Eisenhower was certainly a figure of significant national, even international stature, and not merely one of local, State or regional importance. The legislation honors the centennial of his birth, keeping in line with minimum anniversary guidelines. The program is limited to a single year, the year of the event. The coin itself is of the traditional size, weight and content for United States coins.