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To reaffirm a lack of religious preference in official messages and materials of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KLEBNIKOV introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

A BILL

To reaffirm a lack of religious preference in official messages and materials of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of*
2 *Representatives of the United States of America in*
3 *Congress assembled,*

4 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This Act may be cited as the 'Removal of
6 Religious Preference Act'.

7 **SEC. 2. CHANGING THE OFFICIAL MOTTO AND**
8 **INSCRIPTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

9 (a) 36 USC § 302 shall be modified, where 'In God We Trust'
10 shall be struck and replaced with 'E Pluribus Unum'. As such,
11 the Code shall read "E Pluribus Unum' is the national motto."
12 2 (b) The inscription 'In God We Trust' shall no longer be

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13 seen or used as the official nor the de facto motto of the
14 United States of America.

15 **SEC. 3. REPEALING PUBLIC LAW 84-140.**

16 PL 84-140 shall be repealed and all statutes removed in their
17 entirety.

18 **SEC. 4. ADOPTING THE ALTERED MOTTO ON**
19 **GOVERNMENT MATERIALS.**

20 (a) At such time as new dies for printing of currency are
21 adopted, in connection with the current program of the
22 Department of the Treasury to increase the capacity of presses
23 utilized by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the dies shall
24 bear, at such place or places thereon as the Secretary of the
25 Treasury may determine to be appropriate, the inscription 'E
26 Pluribus Unum', and thereafter this inscription shall appear on
27 all United States currency and coins. (b) The Director of the
28 United States Mint, with approval from the Secretary of the
29 Treasury, shall have the right to enact such changes, as well
30 as the location and stylization of inscriptions on all currency,
31 whether coin, paper, or other form. (c) All respective
32 government bodies will transition back to using 'E Pluribus
33 Unum' as their inscription. Such transition will occur as able,
34 but shall be completed within five years. 3(d) No materials
35 owned or used by the United States Government shall use the
36 phrase 'In God We Trust' in a manner suggesting that it is the
37 official or de facto motto of the United States of America.

38 **SEC. 5. ALTERING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

39 4 USC § 4 shall be modified by striking the phrase “Under
40 God”, with no substitution. This shall come into effect three
41 (3) months after the ratification of this bill.

42 **SEC. 6. REAFFIRMATION OF NON-PREFERENTIAL**
43 **TREATMENT OF RELIGION BY CONGRESS.**

44 Congress reaffirms its upholding of the Constitution,
45 recognizing that the government of the United States of
46 America was directed to never promote nor interfere with
47 religions. As such, symbolism that may be interpreted as
48 confirming any official religion must be prevented. Notably,
49 Congress opposes any legislation that imposes a single
50 viewpoint on the citizens of the United States of America, and
51 will never work to establish a state religion.

52 **SEC. 7. APPROPRIATIONS.**

53 The Department of the Treasury will be in charge of the
54 funding of and oversight over all entities within the United
55 States Government that shall require action to comply with
56 the provisions of this Act.

57 **SEC. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

58 All sections of this Act shall go into effect six months after
59 passage.