



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 24, 2009

H.R. 3137

A bill 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

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
on July 10, 2009*

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3137 would have no discretionary cost to the federal government. Enacting the bill could affect direct spending, but the net costs would not be significant. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues. This legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 3137 would clarify the authority of the U.S. Postal Service to accept monetary donations to purchase plaques for the commemorative designation of postal facilities. Any such donations would increase offsetting receipts and the spending of those receipts would count as new mandatory spending. Any collections and spending would offset each other, so we estimate that, on net, they would not have a significant budgetary impact in any year. Receipts and spending by the Postal Service are classified as off-budget.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.