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AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: CSHB 467(STA)

BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDERSON

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred to Committee: April 5, 2004

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4.20.04

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 467

HOUSE BILL NO. 467

COMMEMORATIVE QUARTERS COMMISSION

"An Act establishing an Alaska Commemorative Coin Commission to develop the design concepts and to make recommendations regarding the final design of the Alaska quarter under the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act; and providing for an effective date."

Recommends it be replaced with HCS or CS for HB 467 (FIN)
 For Senate Bills with new title: Technical Title New Title: HCR _____ Same Title New Title

- attach amendments
- add new referral to _____ Committee
- Letter of Intent _____ Committee

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: CSHB 467 (STA)
() Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: GOV
Title "An Act establishing the Alaska BRU Executive Operations
Commemorative Coin Commission..." Component Executive Office
Sponsor Representative Anderson
Requester House Finance Committee Component No. 6

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: _____
Rep. Williams, Co-Chair *[Signature]*

Rep. Harris, Co-Chair *[Signature]*

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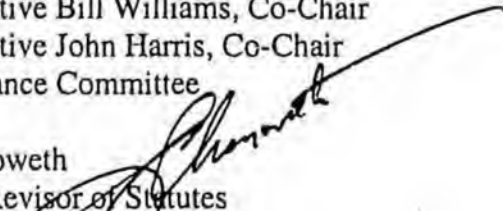
MEMORANDUM

April 20, 2004

SUBJECT: CSHB 467(FIN), establishing the Alaska Commemorative Coin Commission (Work Order No. 23-LS1678H)

TO: Representative Bill Williams, Co-Chair
Representative John Harris, Co-Chair
House Finance Committee

FROM: Jack Chenoweth
Assistant Revisor of Statutes



In early versions of House Bill 467, the appointing authority for the eleven member Commemorative Coin Commission was to be divided between the governor and the legislature's presiding officers. Incorporating amendment D.1 into CSHB 467(STA) to produce CSHB 467(FIN) eliminates multiple appointing authorities and means that the governor will appoint all ten members of this commission and will assume the eleventh seat himself or assign a designee.

To that end, in addition to incorporating the text of the amendment as directed, I also changed language in the bill's section 2(c) to replace reference to "the officer responsible for appointing that member" to "the governor."

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cc: Representative Tom Anderson, bill sponsor

Adopted
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STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Number: 1
Bill Number: CSHB 467(STA)
Effective Date: 3/24/04

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction):
Title "An Act establishing an Alaska
Commemorative Coin Commission..."
Sponsor Representative Anderson
Requester House State Affairs

Department: GOV
Division: Executive Operations
Office: Executive Office

Component No. 6

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services		25.4	25.4			
Travel		6.9	15.1			
Contractual		5.0	1.5			
Supplies		1.5	1.5			
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	38.8	43.5	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF		38.8	43.5			
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	38.8	43.5	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time		1	1			
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This fiscal note requires the Office of the Governor to provide the Commemorative Coin Commission with support for the 11-member commission.

The personal services estimate is for a Range 14 half-time position to provide support for the Commission. Transportation costs are based on an assumption that the Commission will have one organizational meeting and two planning meetings in FY05. In FY07 it is assumed the Commission will have four meetings in different locations of the state to review designs and submit recommendations to the Governor.

The contractual cost estimate is for statewide advertising for the solicitation process for narrative design concepts from the public.

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SPONSOR STATEMENT FOR CSHB 467(STA) **BY: Representative Tom Anderson**

TITLE: "An Act establishing the Alaska Commemorative Coin Commission to develop the design concepts and to make recommendations regarding the final design of the Alaska quarter under the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act; and providing for an effective date."

House Bill 467 follows the federal authorizing legislation, the "50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act", and establishes the 11-member Alaska Commemorative Coin Commission. Over a ten-year period from 1999 through 2008, the United States has and will annually issue five quarter dollar coins with state designs displayed on the reverse side of the coins. Each state has an opportunity to develop and submit designs representative of the state. A quarter honoring the State of Alaska is scheduled to be issued in 2008.

The Alaska Commemorative Coin Commission will consist of 11 members, of which 6 will be public members appointed by the governor. The presiding officer from the Alaska House of Representatives and the Alaska Senate will appoint a majority and a minority member from each body. The governor or designee will occupy the 11th seat.

The Office of the Governor will initiate a public process to solicit narrative design concepts for the Alaska quarter. The commission shall review and consider all of the narrative design concepts it receives and will submit to the United States Mint not less than three, and not more than five, design concepts for the Alaska quarter. When the United States Mint provides the State of Alaska with its final designs, the commission will review the designs and make final recommendations to the governor.

The calendar year in which the Alaska quarter is to be issued will coincide with events leading to celebration of the 50th anniversary of Alaska statehood.

I urge your support of this important piece of legislation.

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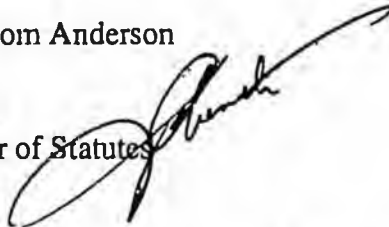
MEMORANDUM

February 25, 2004

SUBJECT: House Bill 467, establishing the Alaska Commemorative Coin Commission to make recommendations regarding the final design of the Alaska state quarter -- sectional analysis (Work Order No. 23-LS1678\A)

TO: Representative Tom Anderson

FROM: Jack Chenoweth
Assistant Revisor of Statutes



Jim Shine has asked for preparation of a sectional analysis of the above-captioned bill.

Now starting its sixth year of coin circulation, most people are familiar with the designs on the United States quarter that commemorate the various states. Under the schedule for coin issuance, the program is set to end at the end of 2008, with the Alaska commemorative coin scheduled to be issued in the second half of 2008.

Bill section 1 describes the purpose of the Act. It notes the key provision of the federal authorizing legislation, the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act, that requires each state governor to initiate a concept selection process that would culminate in selection of a final design.

Bill section 2 establishes the 11-member Alaska Commemorative Coin Commission, with the governor to appoint 6 members and authorizing the governor himself or his designee to take a seventh seat, and allowing the presiding officers of each chamber to appoint a majority and a minority member from each chamber. The bill section also contains other boilerplate provisions covering vacancies, reimbursement for expenses, and quorum requirements.

Bill section 3 spells out in general terms the commemorative coin selection process for the Alaska quarter, beginning with the solicitation of a design process, the review, consideration and recommendation of between three and five of the design concepts received, and the eventual selection of a final recommended design. Under the federal authorizing Act, the governor shall approve the final recommendation that would serve as the design for the Alaska commemorative quarter. There is a specific provision that reminds the commission that, in 2008, the year of the quarter's issuance and circulation, the state will be approaching the 50th anniversary of Statehood.

Representative Tom Anderson
February 25, 2004
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Bill section 4 terminates the Alaska Commemorative Coin Commission January 1, 2009.

Bill section 5 gives the measure a January 1, 2005, effective date.

A copy of the federal Act mentioned in the bill's purpose provision is enclosed. Its bill sections 1 - 3 are relevant.

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Enclosure

50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act (Enrolled Bill)

--S.1228--

S.1228

One Hundred Fifth Congress

of the

United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,

the seventh day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven

An Act

To provide for a 10-year circulating commemorative coin program to commemorate each of the 50 States, and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the '50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act'.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that--

(1) it is appropriate and timely--

(A) to honor the unique Federal republic of 50 States that comprise the United States; and

(B) to promote the diffusion of knowledge among the youth of the United States about the individual States, their history and geography, and the rich diversity of the national heritage;

(2) the circulating coinage of the United States has not been modernized during the 25-year period preceding the date of enactment of this Act;

(3) a circulating commemorative 25-cent coin program could produce earnings of \$110,000,000 from the sale of silver proof coins and sets over the 10-year period of issuance, and would produce indirect earnings of an estimated \$2,600,000,000 to \$5,100,000,000 to the United States Treasury, money that will replace borrowing to fund the national debt to at least that extent; and

(4) it is appropriate to launch a commemorative circulating coin program that encourages young people and their families to collect memorable tokens of all of the States for the face value of the coins.

SEC. 3. ISSUANCE OF REDESIGNED QUARTER DOLLARS OVER 10-YEAR PERIOD COMMEMORATING

EACH OF THE 50 STATES.

Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting after subsection (k) the following new subsection:

“(I) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF QUARTER DOLLAR IN COMMEMORATION OF EACH OF THE 50 STATES-

“(1) REDESIGN BEGINNING IN 1999-

“(A) IN GENERAL- Notwithstanding the fourth sentence of subsection (d)(1) and subsection (d)(2), quarter dollar coins issued during the 10-year period beginning in 1999, shall have designs on the reverse side selected in accordance with this subsection which are emblematic of the 50 States.

“(B) TRANSITION PROVISION- Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), the Secretary may continue to mint and issue quarter dollars in 1999 which bear the design in effect before the redesign required under this subsection and an inscription of the year ‘1998’ as required to ensure a smooth transition into the 10-year program under this subsection.

“(2) SINGLE STATE DESIGNS- The design on the reverse side of each quarter dollar issued during the 10-year period referred to in paragraph (1) shall be emblematic of 1 of the 50 States.

“(3) ISSUANCE OF COINS COMMEMORATING 5 STATES DURING EACH OF THE 10 YEARS-

“(A) IN GENERAL- The designs for the quarter dollar coins issued during each year of the 10-year period referred to in paragraph (1) shall be emblematic of 5 States selected in the order in which such States ratified the Constitution of the United States or were admitted into the Union, as the case may be.

“(B) NUMBER OF EACH OF 5 COIN DESIGNS IN EACH YEAR- Of the quarter dollar coins issued during each year of the 10-year period referred to in paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe, on the basis of such factors as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, the number of quarter dollars which shall be issued with each of the 5 designs selected for such year.

“(4) SELECTION OF DESIGN-

“(A) IN GENERAL- Each of the 50 designs required under this subsection for quarter dollars shall be-

“(i) selected by the Secretary after consultation with--

“(I) the Governor of the State being commemorated, or such other State officials or group as the State may designate for such purpose; and

“(II) the Commission of Fine Arts; and

“(ii) reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee.

“(B) SELECTION AND APPROVAL PROCESS- Designs for quarter dollars may be submitted in accordance with the design selection and approval process developed by the Secretary in the sole discretion of the Secretary.

“(C) PARTICIPATION- The Secretary may include participation by State officials, artists from the

States, engravers of . United States Mint, and members of the general public.

`(D) STANDARDS- Because it is important that the Nation's coinage and currency bear dignified designs of which the citizens of the United States can be proud, the Secretary shall not select any frivolous or inappropriate design for any quarter dollar minted under this subsection.

`(E) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN REPRESENTATIONS- No head and shoulders portrait or bust of any person, living or dead, and no portrait of a living person may be included in the design of any quarter dollar under this subsection.

`(5) TREATMENT AS NUMISMATIC ITEMS- For purposes of sections 5134 and 5136, all coins minted under this subsection shall be considered to be numismatic items.

`(6) ISSUANCE-

`(A) QUALITY OF COINS- The Secretary may mint and issue such number of quarter dollars of each design selected under paragraph (4) in uncirculated and proof qualities as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

`(B) SILVER COINS- Notwithstanding subsection (b), the Secretary may mint and issue such number of quarter dollars of each design selected under paragraph (4) as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, with a content of 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

`(C) SOURCES OF BULLION- The Secretary shall obtain silver for minting coins under subparagraph (B) from available resources, including stockpiles established under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act.

`(7) APPLICATION IN EVENT OF THE ADMISSION OF ADDITIONAL STATES- If any additional State is admitted into the Union before the end of the 10-year period referred to in paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Treasury may issue quarter dollar coins, in accordance with this subsection, with a design which is emblematic of such State during any 1 year of such 10-year period, in addition to the quarter dollar coins issued during such year in accordance with paragraph (3)(A).'

Design Selection Process

Overview

The Fifty States Commemorative Coin Program Act ([Public Law 105-124](#)), signed by President Clinton on December 1, 1997, provides for the redesign of the reverse side of the quarter dollars with designs emblematic of each of the 50 States. The Washington portrait will remain on the obverse of the quarters. The program provides for five States to be featured each year for a ten-year period and that each State will be honored in the order of that State's admission to the United States.

Procedure

Stage 1

The Mint will contact the Governor approximately 24 months prior to the beginning of the year in which the State will be honored to initiate the State design process. The Governor will appoint an individual from the State to serve as the Mint's liaison for this program.

Stage 2

The State will identify and provide to the Mint a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 different design concepts or themes emblematic of the State. The process for identifying concepts will be one of the States' choosing. Concepts should be provided to the Mint, accompanied by supporting material as appropriate – for example, photographs or sketches of landmarks, landscapes, historical buildings, or official depictions of State symbols. If copyrighted materials are used, releases must be provided from the copyright holders. **(Please Note: Any artwork submitted without proper releases will not be considered.)**

Stage 3

The Mint will review concepts for appropriateness and coinability. If fewer than three concepts are submitted, the Mint will develop additional concepts as necessary.

Stage 4

The Mint will produce drawings of all design concepts.

Stage 5

The Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee (CCCAC) will review drawings and recommend candidate designs.

Stage 6

The U.S. Fine Arts Commission will review candidate designs.

Stage 7

Candidate designs will be presented to the Secretary of the Treasury for review and approval.

Stage 8

The Mint will return approved designs to the Governor for selection of the State design.

Stage 9

The State will select the State design through a process determined by the Governor, within a timeframe specified by the Mint.

Stage 10

Final design will be returned to Treasury for approval by the Secretary or his designee.

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Design Concept Parameters

Legislation

Public Law 105-124 provides for designs to be submitted in accordance with the design selection and approval process developed by the Treasury Secretary in the sole discretion of the Secretary. The law further requires that, "because it is important that the Nation's coinage and currency bear dignified designs of which the citizens of the United States can be proud, the Secretary shall not select any frivolous or inappropriate design" and "no head and shoulders portrait or bust of any person, living or dead, and no portrait of a living person may be included in the design."

Criteria

Designs shall maintain a dignity befitting the Nation's coinage.

Designs shall have broad appeal to the citizens of the State and avoid controversial subjects or symbols that are likely to offend.

Suitable subject matter for design concepts include State landmarks (natural and man-made), landscapes, historically significant buildings, symbols of State resources or industries, official State flora and fauna, State icons (eg.. Texas Lone Star, Wyoming bronco, etc.), and outlines of the State.

State flags and State seals are not considered suitable for designs.

Designs limited to one or two concepts, as opposed to multiple concepts, translate best as designs on the small template of the quarter.

Consistent with the authorizing legislation, the States are encouraged to submit concepts that promote the diffusion of knowledge among the youth of the United States about the State, its history and geography, and the rich diversity of our national heritage.

Priority consideration will be given to designs and concepts that are enduring representations of the State. Coins have a commercial lifespan of at least 30 years and are collected for generations.

Inappropriate design concepts include, but are not limited to the following: logos or depictions of specific commercial, private, educational, civic, religious, sports, or other organizations whose membership or ownership is not universal.

Concepts or background materials submitted to the Mint which are covered by copyright, trademark, or other rights (such as privacy and publicity rights) **must** include a release acceptable to the Mint from the rights owner that allows the concept or materials to be used on the coin, in marketing and promotional materials, and on the Mint's website for unlimited worldwide distribution without charge or restriction. **(Please Note: Any artwork submitted without proper releases will not be considered.)**

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

How do I submit a design?

Your design must be submitted to the Governor of your state or to the selection committee approved by the Governor. The Governor of your state will be contacted approximately 18 to 24 months prior to the release of their state quarter. Most Governors have appointed a selection committee to organize the collection of submissions. Watch your Governors website for info on when and where to submit a design.

What is required to submit a design?

The design will need to be submitted on an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper. The design concept can be a written description, computer drawing, a sketch or a finished drawing. A quarter template ([GIF](#), [EPS](#) or [PDF](#)) provided by the mint can be used, but is not required. An Entry Form and signed Release Form must be submitted along with the design.

How are designs selected for the state quarters?

Designs for the quarter will be reviewed by a selection committee approved by the Governor. The committee will make recommendations to the Governor regarding preliminary designs. The Governor and First Lady will select no fewer than 3 and no more than 5 preliminary designs to be submitted to the U.S. Mint. The U.S. Mint reviews the designs for appropriate images and clarity of reproduction. All designs submitted to the U.S. Mint are subject to modifications as needed to meet Federal specifications for coinability. Final design images created by the U.S. Mint may combine elements of more than one design concept. Creators of successful designs surrender all rights to images used in production, marketing, promotions, and other activities related to the U.S. Mint's 50 State Quarters Program. Artists must provide proof of design originality.

Who is selecting the final designs?

The Governor will in whatever method he chooses select the final design from the artists concept drawings returned to him from the U.S. Mint. Final approval is made by the Secretary of the Treasury.

What designs are acceptable for the 50 State Quarters?

Designs should be tasteful, and have broad appeal to the citizens of the state. They should avoid controversial subjects or symbols that may offend others. Suitable images may include: landscapes, state landmarks (natural or man-made), historically significant events, historically significant buildings, symbols of state resources or industries, official state flora and fauna, state icons, and state outlines. Priority consideration will be given to designs and concepts that are enduring representations of the state.

Are there any images unacceptable for the 50 State Quarters?

Yes. The U.S. Mint will not accept state flags and seals, logos, or emblems of specific commercial, private, educational, civic, religious, or sports organizations. Images may not include the likeness of a living person.

If I use copyrighted material in my design, what do I need to do?

Copyrighted material may be used if it is possible to obtain the legal rights to prepare design renderings. If copyrighted materials are used, the copyright holder must complete the U.S. Mint's Release Form. If you wish to send artwork that depicts a concept, please sign and send the Release Form with your submission.

Can anyone submit a design?

Yes. Designs may be submitted by anyone, of any age. Most states have only opened their contest to receive submissions from residents of their state. All designs become the property of the state. Most designs will not be returned.

What is the deadline for submitting a design?

States are asked to submit 3 to 5 designs to the U.S. Mint approximately 18 months prior to the release date of the state quarter.

Will my design be returned to me?

Probably not. Most designs become the property of the state and will not be returned.

Can a person submit more than 1 design?

The method of collection of submissions is at the discretion of the Governor of your state or the appointed selection committee. Most states have opened their contest only to residents of the state and only accepted 1 design per resident.

When and how will the design finalists be notified?

This varies by the deadline required by the U.S. Mint for the individual state and is at the discretion of the Governor or the appointed selection committee.

What is the 50 State Commemorative Quarter Program?

The 50 State Commemorative Quarter Program is a 10-year initiative commemorating each of the 50 states. States are honored in the order in which they ratified the Constitution and joined the Union. The first quarters went into circulation in 1999. The program will end with the final states in 2008. The program may be extended to accommodate additional states if acquired before the end of the program.

When will a commemorative quarter for my state be released?

The complete list of states and when their coins will be issued can be found on the [50 State Commemorative Quarter Release Dates](#) page.

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50 State Commemorative Quarter Release Dates

Year	Quarter Mintage	Release Date	State	Statehood Date	State Totals
1999	4,430,940,000	January 01, 1999	Delaware	December 07, 1787	774,824,000
		March 08, 1999	Pennsylvania	December 12, 1787	707,332,000
		May 17, 1999	New Jersey	December 18, 1787	662,228,000
		July 19, 1999	Georgia	January 02, 1788	939,932,000
		October 12, 1999	Connecticut	January 09, 1788	1,346,624,000
2000	6,470,932,000	January 03, 2000	Massachusetts	February 06, 1788	1,163,784,000
		March 13, 2000	Maryland	April 28, 1788	1,234,732,000
		May 22, 2000	South Carolina	May 23, 1788	1,308,784,000
		August 07, 2000	New Hampshire	June 21, 1788	1,169,016,000
		October 16, 2000	Virginia	June 25, 1788	1,594,616,000
2001	4,806,984,000	January 02, 2001	New York	July 26, 1788	1,275,040,000
		March 12, 2001	North Carolina	November 21, 1789	1,055,476,000
		May 21, 2001	Rhode Island	May 29, 1790	870,100,000
		August 06, 2001	Vermont	March 04, 1791	882,804,000
		October 15, 2001	Kentucky	June 01, 1792	723,564,000
2002	3,313,304,000	January 02, 2002	Tennessee	June 01, 1796	648,068,000
		March 11, 2002	Ohio	March 01, 1803	632,032,000
		May 20, 2002	Louisiana	April 30, 1812	763,804,000
		August 2, 2002	Indiana	December 11, 1816	689,800,000
		October 15, 2002	Mississippi	December 10, 1817	579,600,000
2003	2,280,400,000	January 2, 2003	Illinois	December 03, 1818	463,200,000
		March 17, 2003	Alabama	December 14, 1819	457,400,000
		June 2, 2003	Maine	March 15, 1820	448,800,000
		August 4, 2003	Missouri	August 10, 1821	453,200,000
		October 20, 2003	Arkansas	June 15, 1836	457,800,000
2004		January 26, 2004	Michigan	January 26, 1837	
		March 29, 2004*	Florida	March 03, 1845	
		May, 2004*	Texas	December 29, 1845	
		August, 2004*	Iowa	December 28, 1846	
		October, 2004*	Wisconsin	May 29, 1848	
2005		January, 2005*	California	September 09, 1850	
		March, 2005*	Minnesota	May 11, 1858	

		May, 2005*	Oregon	February 14, 1859	
		August, 2005*	Kansas	January 29, 1861	
		October, 2005*	West Virginia	June 20, 1863	
2006		January, 2006*	Nevada	October 31, 1864	
		March, 2006*	Nebraska	March 01, 1867	
		May, 2006*	Colorado	August 01, 1876	
		August, 2006*	North Dakota	November 02, 1889	
		October, 2006*	South Dakota	November 02, 1889	
2007		January, 2007*	Montana	November 08, 1889	
		March, 2007*	Washington	November 11, 1889	
		May, 2007*	Idaho	July 03, 1890	
		August, 2007*	Wyoming	July 10, 1890	
		October, 2007*	Utah	January 04, 1896	
2008		January, 2008*	Oklahoma	November 16, 1907	
		March, 2008*	New Mexico	January 06, 1912	
		May, 2008*	Arizona	February 14, 1912	
		August, 2008*	Alaska	January 03, 1959	
		October, 2008*	Hawaii	August 21, 1959	

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