

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 5, 2001 to hear testimony on Taxpayer Beware, Schemes, Scams and Cons.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 5, 2001 at 4:15 p.m. to hold a business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 5, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing regarding the State of the Presidential Appointments Process.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 5, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a Hearing to receive the goals and priorities of the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) for the 107th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR, WETLANDS, PRIVATE PROPERTY AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property and Nuclear Safety be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m. to receive testimony on the interaction between our environmental regulations and our nation's energy policy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Frank Rodriguez, Traci Gleason, legislative fellows, and Todd Smith, a law clerk from the Democratic staff of the Senate Finance Committee, be granted access to the Senate floor for the duration of the debate on H.R. 83.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator FRIST, I ask unanimous consent that Dr. Ken Bernard, a fellow in Senator FRIST's office on loan from the Public Health Service, be granted privileges of the floor during the duration of the debate on the budget resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT OF 2001

On April 2, 2001, the Senate amended and passed S. 27, as follows:

S. 27

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—REDUCTION OF SPECIAL INTEREST INFLUENCE

- Sec. 101. Soft money of political parties.
- Sec. 102. Increased contribution limits for State committees of political parties and aggregate contribution limit for individuals.
- Sec. 103. Reporting requirements.

TITLE II—NONCANDIDATE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES

- Subtitle A—Electioneering Communications
- Sec. 201. Disclosure of electioneering communications.
- Sec. 202. Coordinated communications as contributions.
- Sec. 203. Prohibition of corporate and labor disbursements for electioneering communications.
- Sec. 204. Rules relating to certain targeted electioneering communications.

Subtitle B—Independent and Coordinated Expenditures

- Sec. 211. Definition of independent expenditure.
- Sec. 212. Reporting requirements for certain independent expenditures.
- Sec. 213. Independent versus coordinated expenditures by party.
- Sec. 214. Coordination with candidates or political parties.

TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS

- Sec. 301. Use of contributed amounts for certain purposes.
- Sec. 302. Prohibition of fundraising on Federal property.
- Sec. 303. Strengthening foreign money ban.
- Sec. 304. Modification of individual contribution limits in response to expenditures from personal funds.
- Sec. 305. Television media rates.
- Sec. 306. Limitation on availability of lowest unit charge for Federal candidates attacking opposition.
- Sec. 307. Software for filing reports and prompt disclosure of contributions.
- Sec. 308. Modification of contribution limits.
- Sec. 309. Television media rates for national parties conditioned on adherence to existing coordinated spending limits.
- Sec. 310. Donations to Presidential Inaugural Committee.
- Sec. 311. Prohibition on fraudulent solicitation of funds.
- Sec. 312. Study and report on clean money clean elections laws.
- Sec. 313. Clarity standards for identification of sponsors of election-related advertising.
- Sec. 314. Increase in penalties.

- Sec. 315. Statute of limitations.
- Sec. 316. Sentencing guidelines.
- Sec. 317. Increase in penalties imposed for violations of conduit contribution ban.
- Sec. 318. Restriction on increased contribution limits by taking into account candidate's available funds.

TITLE IV—SEVERABILITY; EFFECTIVE DATE

- Sec. 401. Severability.
- Sec. 402. Effective date.
- Sec. 403. Expedited review.

TITLE V—ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE PROVISIONS

- Sec. 501. Internet access to records.
- Sec. 502. Maintenance of website of election reports.
- Sec. 503. Additional monthly and quarterly disclosure reports.
- Sec. 504. Public access to broadcasting records.

TITLE I—REDUCTION OF SPECIAL INTEREST INFLUENCE

SEC. 101. SOFT MONEY OF POLITICAL PARTIES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 323. SOFT MONEY OF POLITICAL PARTIES.

“(a) **NATIONAL COMMITTEES.**—
“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—A national committee of a political party (including a national congressional campaign committee of a political party) may not solicit, receive, or direct to another person a contribution, donation, or transfer of funds or any other thing of value, or spend any funds, that are not subject to the limitations, prohibitions, and reporting requirements of this Act.
“(2) **APPLICABILITY.**—The prohibition established by paragraph (1) applies to any such national committee, any officer or agent of such a national committee, and any entity that is directly or indirectly established, financed, maintained, or controlled by such a national committee.
“(b) **STATE, DISTRICT, AND LOCAL COMMITTEES.**—
“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—(A) Except as provided in paragraph (2), an amount that is expended or disbursed for Federal election activity by a State, district, or local committee of a political party (including an entity that is directly or indirectly established, financed, maintained, or controlled by a State, district, or local committee of a political party and an officer or agent acting on behalf of such committee or entity), or by an entity directly or indirectly established, financed, maintained, or controlled by or acting on behalf of 1 or more candidates for State or local office, or individuals holding State or local office, shall be made from funds subject to the limitations, prohibitions, and reporting requirements of this Act.
“(B) Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the authorized campaign committee of a candidate for State or local office from raising and spending funds permitted under applicable State law other than for a Federal election activity that refers to a clearly identified candidate for election to Federal office.
“(2) **APPLICABILITY.**—
“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding clause (i) or (ii) of section 301(20)(A), and subject to subparagraph (B), paragraph (1) shall not apply to any amount expended or disbursed by a State, district, or local committee of a political party for an activity described in either such clause to the extent the expenditures or disbursements for such activity are allocated under regulations prescribed by the