Senate candidate receives an equal pro rata share.

**SECTION 507. REGULATIONS.**

"The Commission shall promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this title, including reporting requirements to enable the Commission and eligible Senate candidates to determine in a timely manner the allowable increase in expenditure limits under section 503(c) and the matching payment under section 505(b) in response to certain disbursements.

**SECTION 508. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

There are appropriated to the Senate Election Fund such sums as are necessary to carry out this title:--

(b) INCREASE IN POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE COORDINATED EXPENDITURES.—

Section 315(d) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "$50,000" and inserting "$2,500";

(2) by adding a new paragraph (2) to read as follows:

"(2) In the case of an independent expenditure by a political party committee or a slate, the amount is increased and ending on the following the date of the last general election in any calendar year after 2002.

C. IN THE LIMITATIONS UNDER SUBPARA-

THETIC DISBURSEMENTS.

SECTION 346. INCREASE IN PENALTIES IMPOSED FOR CONDUCT CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS OF A COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY AND ANY DISBURSEMENTS TO VIOLATE THE LIMITATIONS UNDER SUBPARA-

THETIC DISBURSEMENTS.

SECTION 347. EXTENSION OF BAN ON FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

(a) PROHIBITION ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOREIGN NATIONALS.—Section 319 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441c) is amended—

(1) in the heading, by striking "contributions" and inserting "disbursements"; and

(2) by adding a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) A person who knowingly and willfully makes or authorizes a contribution in an amount exceeding the applicable limit in subsection (a) of section 315 shall be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. MCDONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2001.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. MCDONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2001.

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

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. MCDONNELL, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2001.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. MCDONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., in open and closed session to receive testimony from the Unified and Regional Commanders on their military strategy and operational requirements, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Years 2002 and the Future Years Defense program.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. MCDONNELL, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on Early Education and Child Care: How does the U.S. Measure Up? during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2001.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. MCDONNELL, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2001.
10:30 am to hold a Business Meeting, and immediately after that to hold a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at 2:30 p.m., in closed session for a briefing on information warfare and other threats to critical United States Information Systems.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WATER, AND WILDLIFE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President: I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water and Wildlife be authorized to meet on Tuesday, March 27 at 9:30 a.m. to receive testimony on water and wastewater infrastructure needs.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY, TERRORISM AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism and Government Information be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, March 27, 2001, in SD226.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WELLSTONE. I ask unanimous consent that Luke Balman from my staff be allowed on the floor today.

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

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 28. I further ask unanimous consent that on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of the Thompson amendment to S. 27, the campaign finance reform bill.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. THOMPSON. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will resume consideration of the Thompson amendment regarding hard money tomorrow morning. There will be up to 30 minutes of debate prior to a vote at 9:45 a.m. Following the vote, further amendments will be offered. Votes will occur throughout the day and into the evening, with the intention of completing action on the bill by Thursday evening.

Those Members who have amendments remaining should work with the bill managers as soon as possible on a time to offer their amendments.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2001, AT 9:15 A.M.

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:13 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, March 28, 2001, at 9:15 a.m.

NOMINATION

Executive nomination received by the Senate March 27, 2001:

ARGEO PAUL CELLUCCI, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO CANADA.