the use of the candidate’s name has been authorized by the candidate.

SEC. 3. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES. 
Section 306(a) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 437g(a)), as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end of the paragraph (13)(A), the following:

“(13)(A) 60 DAYS PRECEDING AN ELECTION.—If the complaint in a proceeding is filed within 60 days immediately preceding a general election the Commission may take action described in this paragraph.

“(B) RESOLUTION BEFORE ELECTION.—If the Commission determines, on the basis of facts alleged in the complaint, that there is clear and convincing evidence that a violation of this Act has occurred, is occurring, or is about to occur and it appears that the requirements for relief stated in clauses (i), (ii), and (iv) of paragraph (13)(A) are met, the Commission may after expedited proceedings, shortening the time periods for proceedings under paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) as necessary to allow the matter to be resolved in sufficient time before the election to avoid harm or prejudice to the interests of the parties; or

“(ii) if the Commission determines that there is insufficient time to conduct proceedings under the election, immediately seek relief under paragraph (13)(A).

“(C) COMPLAINT WITHOUT MERIT.—If the Commission determines, on the basis of facts alleged in the complaint and other facts available to the Commission, that the complaint is clearly without merit, the Commission may:

“(i) order expedited proceedings, shortening the time periods for proceedings under paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) as necessary to allow the matter to be resolved in sufficient time before the election to avoid harm or prejudice to the interests of the parties; or

“(ii) if the Commission determines that there is insufficient time to conduct proceedings before the election, summarily dismiss the complaint.”.

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION.
Section 314 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 439c) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(a)” before “There”;

(2) by striking “and” after “1976,”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) The $80,000,000 under subsection (a) shall be increased with respect to each fiscal year based on the increase in the price index determined under section 315(c) for the calendar year in which such fiscal year begins, except that the base period shall be calendar year 2000.”.

SEC. 5. EXPEDITED REFERRALS TO ATTORNEY GENERAL.
Section 309(a)(5) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 437a(a)(5)) is amended by striking “and” and inserting the following:

“(C) The Commission may at any time, by an affirmative vote of at least 4 of its members, refer a possible violation of this Act or chapter 85 or 96 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to the Attorney General of the United States, without regard to any limitation set forth in this section.”.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE

SEC. 5. AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. MCCONNELL. 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 Thursday, March 29, 2001. The purpose of this hearing will be to review environmental trading opportunities for agriculture.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 29, 2001 to hear testimony on Debt Reduction.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 29, 2001, to consider the nominations of Kenneth W. Dam of Illinois to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; David D. Aufhauser to be General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury; Michele A. Davis, of Virginia to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; and Faryar Shirzad to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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

COMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND INVESTMENT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Security and Investment be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 29, 2001, to conduct an oversight hearing. The subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia will review the National Park Service’s implementation of management policies and procedures to comply with the provisions of Title I, II, III, V, VI, VII, and VIII of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998.

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

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 29, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. to conduct an oversight hearing. The subcommittee on Appropriations will review the National Park Service’s implementation of management policies and procedures to comply with the provisions of Title I, II, III, V, VI, VII, and VIII of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998.

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

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Appropriations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 29, 2001, to conduct an oversight hearing. The subcommittee on Appropriations will review the National Park Service’s implementation of management policies and procedures to comply with the provisions of Title I, II, III, V, VI, VII, and VIII of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998.

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

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Appropriations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 29, 2001, to conduct an oversight hearing. The subcommittee on Appropriations will review the National Park Service’s implementation of management policies and procedures to comply with the provisions of Title I, II, III, V, VI, VII, and VIII of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998.

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

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

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

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THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.
pursuant to Title 46, Section 1295(b), of the U.S. Code, as amended by Public Law 101–595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: The Senator from Arizona (Mr. Mccain), ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and the Senator from Maine (Ms. Snowe), Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), as amended by Public Law 101–595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: The Senator from Arizona (Mr. Mccain), ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. Fitzgerald), Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2001
Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9 a.m. on Friday, March 30. I further ask consent that on Friday, 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 S. 27, the campaign finance reform bill, as under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM
Mr. SESSIONS. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will resume consideration of the campaign finance reform bill at 9 a.m. Amendments will be offered throughout the morning, with stacked votes to begin at 11 a.m. All amendments to the bill will be disposed of during tomorrow’s session, with a vote on final passage to occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW AT 9 A.M.
Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:30 p.m., adjourned until Friday, March 30, 2001, at 9 a.m.

NOMINATIONS
Executive nominations received by the Senate March 29, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Charles S. Abell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, Vice Alphonso Maldon, Jr.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Grant D. Aldonas, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, Vice Robert S. Laruessa.

Brenda L. Becker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Vice Deborah K. Kilmer, resigned.

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under Title 30, U.S.C., Section 601:

To Be Vice Admiral
Rear Adm. Keith W. Lippert, 0000