

“(a) PROHIBITION.—It shall be unlawful for—

“(1) a foreign national, directly or indirectly, to make—

“(A) a donation of money or other thing of value, or to promise expressly or impliedly to make a donation, in connection with a Federal, State, or local election to a political committee or a candidate for Federal office, or

“(B) a contribution or donation to a committee of a political party; or

“(2) a person to solicit, accept, or receive a contribution or donation described in paragraph (1)(A) from a foreign national.”.

SEC. 507. PROHIBITION OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY MINORS.

Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.) (as amended by sections 101 and 401) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 325. PROHIBITION OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY MINORS.

An individual who is 17 years old or younger shall not make a contribution to a candidate or a contribution or donation to a committee of a political party.”.

SEC. 508. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 309(a) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 437g(a)) (as amended by section 505(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(14)(A) If the complaint in a proceeding was filed within 60 days preceding the date of a general election, the Commission may take action described in this subparagraph.

“(B) If the Commission determines, on the basis of facts alleged in the complaint and other facts available to the Commission, that there is clear and convincing evidence that a violation of this Act has occurred, is occurring, or is about to occur, the Commission may 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.

“(C) 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.”.

(b) REFERRAL TO ATTORNEY GENERAL.—Section 309(a)(5) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(5)) is amended by striking subparagraph (C) 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 95 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.”.

SEC. 509. INITIATION OF ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDING.

Section 309(a)(2) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(2)) is amended by striking “reason to believe that” and inserting “reason to investigate whether”.

TITLE VI—SEVERABILITY; CONSTITUTIONALITY; EFFECTIVE DATE; REGULATIONS

SEC. 601. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Act or amendment made by this Act, or the application of a pro-

vision or amendment to any person or circumstance, is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act and amendments made by this Act, and the application of the provisions and amendment to any person or circumstance, shall not be affected by the holding.

SEC. 602. REVIEW OF CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES.

An appeal may be taken directly to the Supreme Court of the United States from any final judgment, decree, or order issued by any court ruling on the constitutionality of any provision of this Act or amendment made by this Act.

SEC. 603. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as otherwise provided in this Act, this Act and the amendments made by this Act take effect January 1, 1999.

SEC. 604. REGULATIONS.

The Federal Election Commission shall prescribe any regulations required to carry out this Act and the amendments made by this Act not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

It was decided in the { Yeas 391 affirmative } Nays 4

170.29 [Roll No. 301] AYES—391

- Abercrombie Collins Gibbons
Aderholt Combest Gilchrist
Allen Condit Gillmor
Andrews Conyers Gilman
Archer Cook Goode
Army Cooksey Goodlatte
Bachus Costello Goodling
Baesler Cox Gordon
Baldacci Coyne Goss
Ballenger Cramer Graham
Barcia Crane Granger
Barr Crapo Green
Barrett (NE) Cubin Greenwood
Barrett (WI) Cummings Gutierrez
Bartlett Cunningham Gutknecht
Barton Davis (FL) Hall (OH)
Bass Davis (IL) Hall (TX)
Bateman Davis (VA) Hamilton
Becerra Deal Hansen
Bentsen DeFazio Harman
Bereuter DeGette Hastert
Berry Delahunt Hastings (WA)
Bilbray DeLauro Hayworth
Bishop DeLay Hefley
Bileyley Deutsch Herger
Blumenauer Diaz-Balart Hill
Blunt Dickey Hilleary
Boehkert Dicks Hinchey
Boehner Dingell Hinojosa
Bonilla Doggett Hobson
Bonior Dooley Hoekstra
Bono Doolittle Holden
Borski Doyle Hooley
Boswell Dreier Horn
Boucher Duncan Hostettler
Boyd Dunn Houghton
Brady (PA) Edwards Hoyer
Brady (TX) Ehlers Hulshof
Brown (CA) Emerson Hunter
Brown (FL) Engel Hutchinson
Brown (OH) English Hyde
Bryant Ensign Inglis
Bunning Eshoo Istook
Burr Etheridge Jackson (IL)
Burton Evans Jackson-Lee
Buyer Everett (TX)
Callahan Ewing Jenkins
Calvert Farr Johnson (CT)
Camp Fattah Johnson (WI)
Campbell Fawell Jones
Canady Fazio Kaptur
Cannon Filner Kasich
Capps Foley Kelly
Cardin Forbes Kennedy (MA)
Carson Fossella Kennedy (RI)
Castle Fowler Kennelly
Chabot Fox Kildee
Chambliss Frank (MA) Kilpatrick
Chenoweth Franks (NJ) Kim
Christensen Frelinghuysen Kind (WI)
Clay Furse King (NY)
Clayton Gallegly Kingston
Clement Ganske Klink
Clyburn Gejdenson Klug
Coburn Gekas Knollenberg

- Kolbe
Kucinich
LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
Lantos
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Livingston
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Manton
Manzullo
Markey
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McCreery
McDermott
McGovern
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Metcalfe
Mica
Miller (CA)
Miller (FL)
Minge
Mink
Mollohan
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Morella
Myrick
Nadler
Neal
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Northup
Nussle
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Owens
Oxley
Packard
Pallone
Pappas
Parker
Pascrell
Pastor
Paul
Paxon
Payne
Pease
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickett
Pitts
Pombo
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Redmond
Regula
Reyes
Riley
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rogan
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Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roukema
Royce
Rush
Ryun
Sabu
Salmon
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer, Dan
Schaffer, Bob
Schumer
Scott
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuster
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skeen
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (OR)
Smith (TX)
Smith, Adam
Smith, Linda
Snowbarger
Snyder
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stearns
Stenholm
Strickland
Stump
Stupak
Sununu
Talent
Tanner
Tauscher
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Taylor (SC)
Thomas
Thornberry
Thune
Thurman
Tiahrt
Tierney
Turner
Upton
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Walsh
Wamp
Waters
Watkins
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Weygand
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson
Wise
Wolf
Woolsey
Wynn
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NOES—4

- Hastings (FL) Murtha
Kanjorski Wexler

NOT VOTING—39

- Ackerman Hilliard Norwood
Baker Jefferson Ortiz
Berman John Piskering
Bilirakis Johnson, E. B. Poshard
Blagojevich Johnson, Sam Riggs
Coble Kleczka Roybal-Allard
Danner Lewis (GA) Stokes
Dixon Lipinski Thompson
Ehrlich Maloney (NY) Torres
Ford Martinez Towns
Frost McDade Traficant
Gephardt Millender Yates
Gonzalez McDonald
Hefner Moakley

So the amendment to the amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

170.30 RECORDED VOTE

A recorded vote by electronic device was ordered in the Committee of the Whole on the following amendment submitted by Mr. STEARNS to the foregoing amendment in the nature of a substitute submitted by Mr. SHAYS: