

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2275

To restore the Free Speech and First Amendment rights of churches and exempt organizations by repealing the 1954 Johnson Amendment.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2007

Mr. JONES of North Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To restore the Free Speech and First Amendment rights of churches and exempt organizations by repealing the 1954 Johnson Amendment.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REPEAL OF THE 1954 JOHNSON AMENDMENT**  
4 **BANNING THE FREE SPEECH AND FIRST**  
5 **AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF CHURCHES AND EX-**  
6 **EMPT ORGANIZATIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (3) of section 501(c)  
8 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to list of  
9 exempt organizations) is amended by striking “, and which  
10 does not participate in, or intervene in (including the pub-

1 lishing or distributing of statements), any political cam-  
2 paign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for  
3 public office”.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
5 this section shall apply to taxable years ending after the  
6 date of the enactment of this Act.

7 (c) CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS UNAFFECTED.—The  
8 amendments made by this section shall not invalidate or  
9 limit any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act  
10 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.).

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