

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS BY CORPORATIONS, ETC.

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Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 3315.]

The Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3315) to prohibit corporations from making contributions in connection with political elections and to limit the amount of such contributions by individuals or persons, recommend that the same be amended so as to read as follows and, when so amended, that the same ought to pass:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That an act entitled, "An act to prohibit corporations from making money contributions in connection with political elections," approved January 26, 1907, is amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any national bank or other corporation organized by authority of a law of the United States to contribute any money or other thing of value in connection with any convention, primary, or other election for the nomination or election of any person to any political office. It shall also be unlawful for any corporation whatever to contribute any money or other thing of value in connection with the nomination of electors for President and Vice President or the nomination of President and Vice President, Senator, or Representative in Congress, or in connection with the election of any of said officers. Every corporation which shall make any contribution in violation of this section shall be subject to a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars, and every officer, director, or agent who shall consent to any contribution by the corporation in violation of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for a term of not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 2. That it shall be unlawful for any individual or person to contribute money or other thing of value exceeding in value five thousand dollars in connection with the nomination of electors for President and Vice President or the nomination of President and Vice President, Senator, or Representative in Congress, or in connection with the election of any of said officers: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to individuals or persons who at such convention, primary, or election are candidates for President, Vice President, Representative, or Senator. Every individual or person who shall make any contribution in violation of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for a term not more than two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 3. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.