## 105TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

## H. J. RES. 108

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to allow the limitation of contributions and expenditures respecting elections.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 3, 1998

Mr. Moran of Virginia (for himself and Mr. LaTourette) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

## **JOINT RESOLUTION**

- Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to allow the limitation of contributions and expenditures respecting elections.
- Whereas the Congress seeks to ensure that all citizens, regardless of wealth, have an equal voice in elections and an equal opportunity to run for public office;
- Whereas the Congress seeks to further the principle of "one person, one vote" and to preserve the integrity of the democratic system;
- Whereas the Congress seeks to limit corruption with respect to elections and the appearance of such corruption; and
- Whereas the Congress believes that the unlimited use of money to influence elections is incompatible with the principles of free speech and equal protection established

under the first and fourteenth amendments of the Constitution: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled
- 3 (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-
- 4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
- 5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
- 6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
- 7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
- 8 States within seven years after the date of its submission
- 9 for ratification:
- 10 "Article —
- "Section 1. The Congress shall have the power to
- 12 set limits on contributions and expenditures respecting
- 13 any Federal election or ballot measure.
- "Sec. 2. Each State shall have the power to set limits
- 15 on contributions and expenditures respecting all non-Fed-
- 16 eral elections and ballot measures in that State. For the
- 17 purposes of this section the term 'State' means each of
- 18 the several States, the District of Columbia, and any com-
- 19 monwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.".

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