H. R. 1025

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 11, 1997

Mrs. Mink of Hawaii introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Oversight

A BILL

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- 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. BAN ON USE OF SOFT MONEY IN FEDERAL
- 4 ELECTIONS.
- 5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Federal Election
- 6 Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.) is amended
- 7 by adding at the end the following new section:

- 1 "BAN ON USE OF NON-FEDERAL FUNDS TO INFLUENCE
- 2 ELECTIONS
- 3 "Sec. 323. Notwithstanding any other provision of
- 4 this title, no person may expend any funds for the purpose
- 5 of influencing any campaign for election for Federal office
- 6 unless the funds are subject to the limitations, prohibi-
- 7 tions, and reporting requirements applicable to contribu-
- 8 tions and expenditures under this Act.".
- 9 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 10 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to elections occur-
- 11 ring after January 1997.

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