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H. R. 3313

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for partial removal of limitations on contributions to candidates whose opponents exceed personal contribution limitations in an election.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 1998

Mr. ROHRABACHER 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fairness for Non-
5 Wealthy Candidates Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PARTIAL REMOVAL OF LIMITATIONS ON CONTRIBU-**
2 **TIONS TO CANDIDATES WHOSE OPPONENTS**
3 **USE LARGE AMOUNTS OF PERSONAL FUNDS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 315 of the Federal Elec-
5 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a) is amended
6 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

7 “(i)(1) If a candidate for Federal office makes con-
8 tributions or expenditures from the personal funds of the
9 candidate totaling more than \$1,000 with respect to an
10 election, the candidate shall so notify the Commission and
11 each other candidate in the election. The notification shall
12 be made in writing within 48 hours after the contribution
13 or expenditure involved is made.

14 “(2) In any case described in paragraph (1), any per-
15 son who is otherwise permitted under this Act to make
16 contributions to such other candidate may make contribu-
17 tions in excess of any otherwise applicable limitation on
18 such contributions, to the extent that the total of such
19 excess contributions accepted by such other candidate does
20 not exceed the total of contributions or expenditures from
21 personal funds referred to in paragraph (1).”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
23 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to elections occur-
24 ring after January 1999.

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