

105TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 259

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1366) amending the Federal Elections Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for election for Federal office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 6, 1997

Mr. BAESLER (for himself, Mr. BERRY, Mr. BOYD, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. DANNER, Mr. GOODE, Mr. HALL of Texas, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. JOHN, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MINGE, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. TANNER, Mrs. TAUSCHER, and Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1366) amending the Federal Elections Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for election for Federal office, and for other purposes.

1 *Resolved*, That immediately upon the adoption of this
2 resolution the Speaker shall, pursuant to clause 1(b) of
3 rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee
4 of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the con-
5 sideration of the bill (H.R. 1366) amending the Federal
6 Elections Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing

1 of campaigns for election for Federal office, and for other
2 purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed
3 with, and all points of order against the bill and its consid-
4 eration are hereby waived. After general debate, which
5 shall be confined to the bill and any amendments made
6 in order under this resolution, and which shall not exceed
7 two hours, equally divided between Mr. Thomas of Califor-
8 nia and Mr. Gejdenson of Connecticut, the bill shall be
9 considered as having been read for amendment under the
10 five-minute rule.

11 SEC. 2. Immediately following general debate, it shall
12 be in order for the House to consider those amendments
13 designated in section 3 of this resolution. Each amend-
14 ment may be offered only in the order designated, may
15 be offered only by the named proponent or a designee, may
16 be considered notwithstanding the adoption of a previous
17 amendment in the nature of a substitute, shall be consid-
18 ered as read, shall be debatable for one hour equally di-
19 vided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent,
20 and shall not be subject to amendment. If more than one
21 amendment is adopted, then only the one receiving the
22 greatest number of affirmative votes shall be considered
23 as finally adopted. In the case of a tie for the greater num-
24 ber of affirmative votes, then only the last amendment to
25 receive that number of affirmative votes shall be consid-

1 ered as finally adopted. No further amendments shall be
2 in order to the bill except amendments which are printed
3 in the Congressional Record at least one day prior to the
4 adoption of this resolution. All points of order against any
5 such amendment meeting these criteria are hereby waived,
6 except those arising under clause 7 of rule XVI. No
7 amendment to any amendment shall be in order. No
8 amendment shall be subject to a demand for the division
9 of the question in the House or in the Committee of the
10 Whole. Debate on any amendment to the bill shall not ex-
11 ceed sixty minutes. Debate time on amendments to the
12 bill (not including debate on amendments designated in
13 section 3) shall not exceed ten hours, and it shall not be
14 in order to consider any motion which has the effect of
15 limiting the total debate time on amendments to less than
16 ten hours. The previous question shall be considered to
17 be ordered on the bill and any amendment thereto to final
18 passage without intervening motion except one motion to
19 recommit, with or without instructions. At the conclusion
20 of consideration of the bill for amendment, the Committee
21 shall rise and report the bill back to the House with such
22 amendments as may have been finally adopted, and the
23 previous question shall be considered as ordered on the
24 bill and such amendment thereto, to final passage without

1 intervening motion except one motion to recommit, with
2 or without instructions.

3 SEC. 3. The further amendments that may be offered
4 following general debate are—

5 (1) an amendment in the nature of a substitute
6 by, and if offered by, Representative Baesler of Ken-
7 tucky, or his designee. This amendment will be de-
8 batable for no longer than sixty minutes to be equal-
9 ly divided and controlled by the proponent, and a
10 Member opposed to the amendment;

11 (2) an amendment in the nature of a substitute
12 by, and if offered by, Representative Farr of Califor-
13 nia, or his designee. This amendment will be debat-
14 able for no longer than sixty minutes to be equally
15 divided and controlled by the proponent and a Mem-
16 ber opposed to the amendment;

17 (3) an amendment in the nature of a substitute
18 by, and if offered by, Representative Doolittle of
19 California, or his designee. This amendment will be
20 debatable for no longer than sixty minutes to be
21 equally divided and controlled by the proponent, and
22 a Member opposed to the amendment;

23 (4) an amendment in the nature of a substitute
24 by, and if offered by, Representative Gephardt of
25 Missouri, or his designee. This amendment will be

1 debatable for no longer than sixty minutes to be
2 equally divided and controlled by the proponent and
3 a Member opposed to the amendment;

4 (5) an amendment in the nature of a substitute
5 by, and if offered by, Representative Arney of
6 Texas, or his designee. This amendment will be de-
7 batable for no longer than sixty minutes to be equal-
8 ly divided and controlled by the proponent and a
9 Member opposed to the amendment;

10 (6) an amendment in the nature of a substitute
11 by, and if offered by, Representative Hutchinson of
12 Arkansas, or his designee. This amendment will be
13 debatable for no longer than sixty minutes to be
14 equally divided and controlled by the proponent and
15 a Member opposed to the amendment; and

16 (7) an amendment in the nature of a substitute
17 by any Member which shall be the text of any bill
18 as adopted by the Senate which meets the require-
19 ments of clause 7 of rule XVI. This amendment will
20 be debatable for no longer than sixty minutes to be
21 equally divided and controlled by the Member pro-
22 posing the amendment, or a designee, and a Member
23 opposed to the amendment.

24 SEC. 4. If the Committee rises on any day without
25 coming to a final resolution on the bill, the House shall,

1 on the next legislative day, following House approval of
2 the Journal, immediately resolve itself into the Committee
3 of the Whole on the state of the Union for the further
4 consideration of the bill. The bill shall be a matter of the
5 highest privilege of the House and shall take precedence
6 over any other motion, business, or order of the House,
7 and the House shall proceed with consideration of the bill
8 in accordance with the provisions of this resolution to final
9 passage, without the intervention of any other motion,
10 order, or business.

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