

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 298

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 22, 1999

Mr. SHELBY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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. PROHIBITION OF DONATIONS BY FOREIGN NA-**
4 **TIONALS.**

5 Section 319 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
6 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441e) is amended—

7 (1) by striking the heading and inserting the
8 following: “CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS BY
9 FOREIGN NATIONALS”;

1 (2) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(a) It shall be unlawful for—

4 “(1) a foreign national, directly or through any
5 other person, to make—

6 “(A) a contribution of money or other
7 thing of value, or to promise expressly or
8 impliedly to make any such contribution, in
9 connection with an election to any political of-
10 fice or in connection with any primary election,
11 convention, or caucus held to select candidates
12 for any political office; or

13 “(B) a donation; or

14 “(2) any person to solicit, accept, or receive
15 such contribution or donation from a foreign na-
16 tional.”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(c) As used in this section, the term ‘donation’
19 means a gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of
20 money or anything else of value made by any person to
21 a national committee of a political party or a Senatorial
22 or Congressional Campaign Committee of a national polit-
23 ical party for any purpose, but does not include a contribu-
24 tion (as defined in section 301(8)).”.

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