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# H. R. 1080

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2001

Mr. LINDER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on House Administration

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## 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 “Federal Election Re-  
5       form Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING USE OF SOFT MONEY BY NATIONAL**  
 2 **POLITICAL PARTIES.**

3 Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of  
 4 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.) is amended by adding at the  
 5 end the following new section:

6 “PROHIBITING USE OF NONFEDERAL FUNDS BY  
 7 NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES

8 “SEC. 323. No political committee established and  
 9 maintained by a national political party (including a na-  
 10 tional congressional campaign committee of a national po-  
 11 litical party) may solicit, receive, spend, or direct to an-  
 12 other person any funds which are not subject to the limita-  
 13 tions, prohibitions, and reporting requirements of this  
 14 Act.”.

15 **SEC. 3. RESTRICTIONS AND ADDITIONAL REPORTING RE-**  
 16 **QUIREMENTS FOR CORPORATIONS, LABOR**  
 17 **ORGANIZATIONS, AND NONPROFIT ORGANI-**  
 18 **ZATIONS.**

19 (a) PROHIBITING USE OF SOFT MONEY BY COR-  
 20 PORATIONS AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS FOR CERTAIN  
 21 ACTIVITIES.—Section 316(b)(2) of the Federal Election  
 22 Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441b(b)(2)) is amended  
 23 by striking “(A) communications” and all that follows  
 24 through “and (C)”.

25 (b) DISCLOSURE OF ELECTION-RELATED ACTIV-  
 26 ITY.—Section 304 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 434), as amended

1 by section 502(a) of the Department of Transportation  
2 and Related Agencies Act, 2001 (as enacted into law by  
3 reference under section 101(a) of Public Law 106–346),  
4 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
5 section:

6       “(e)(1) Each corporation, labor organization, and  
7 nonprofit organization which makes a disbursement or  
8 transfer of funds for any activity in connection with an  
9 election for Federal office shall file reports in accordance  
10 with subsection (a)(4) containing the same information  
11 with respect to such disbursement or transfer which would  
12 be required if the disbursement or transfer were treated  
13 as a contribution or expenditure under this Act.

14       “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), any disburse-  
15 ment or transfer of funds for a public communication  
16 which mentions (by name, image, or likeness) a candidate  
17 for election for Federal office and which is made within  
18 the 90-day period ending on the date of such election shall  
19 be treated as a disbursement or transfer of funds for an  
20 activity in connection with an election for Federal office.

21       “(3) This subsection shall not apply with respect to  
22 a disbursement or transfer of funds which is otherwise  
23 treated as a contribution or expenditure under this Act.”.

1 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2       The amendments made by this Act shall take effect  
3 upon the expiration of the 90-day period which begins on  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

