

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4389

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to exempt news stories, commentaries, and editorials distributed through the Internet from treatment as expenditures or electioneering communications under such Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 18, 2005

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. CONYERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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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. EXEMPTION OF INTERNET COMMENTARY**
4 **FROM TREATMENT AS EXPENDITURE OR**
5 **ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION.**

6 (a) TREATMENT AS EXPENDITURE.—Section
7 301(9)(B)(i) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of

1 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431(9)(B)(i)) is amended by inserting
 2 “the Internet or” after “facilities of”.

3 (b) TREATMENT AS ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICA-
 4 TION.—Section 304(f)(3)(B)(i) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
 5 434(f)(3)(B)(i)) is amended by inserting “the Internet or”
 6 after “facilities of”.

7 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION OF VALUE OF ORGANIZING MEETINGS**
 8 **THROUGH INTERNET FROM TREATMENT AS**
 9 **CONTRIBUTION.**

10 Section 301(8)(B) of the Federal Election Campaign
 11 Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431(8)(B)) is amended—

12 (1) by striking “or” at the end of clause (xiii);

13 (2) by striking the period at the end of clause
 14 (xiv) and inserting “; and”; and

15 (3) by adding at the end the following new
 16 clause:

17 “(xv) the value of services provided through the
 18 Internet in organizing and coordinating meetings of
 19 individuals to discuss a candidate or political com-
 20 mittee or to volunteer on behalf of a candidate or
 21 political committee, whether the services are pro-
 22 vided with or without compensation.”.