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S. 2434

To limit the amount of time Senators spend on non-legislative activities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 16 (legislative day, MARCH 15), 2006

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

A BILL

To limit the amount of time Senators spend on non-legislative activities.

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 “Senate Campaign Re-
5 form Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON SOLICITATION OR ACCEPTANCE OF** 7 **CONTRIBUTIONS.**

8 Paragraph 1 of rule XLI of the Standing Rules of
9 the Senate is amended—

10 (1) by inserting “(a)” after “1.”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(b)(1) A Member of the Senate, or officer or em-
3 ployee of the Senate, shall not solicit, receive, direct, or
4 authorize the acceptance of a contribution with respect to
5 a political committee authorized by or affiliated with a
6 Senator at any time other than during the period begin-
7 ning on the date that is 18 months prior to the date of
8 the next general election for the office held by such Sen-
9 ator and ending on the date of such election.

10 “(2) This subparagraph shall not apply for the period
11 beginning on the date in which a candidate opposing a
12 Senator receives contributions or makes expenditures in
13 excess of \$100,000.

14 “(3)(A) This subparagraph shall not apply in any
15 case in which a Senator is targeted (by name or office)
16 in broadcast advertisements paid for by an individual or
17 group that is not affiliated with any candidate for the Sen-
18 ate, but only to the extent that contributions do not exceed
19 the amount paid by the individual or group for such adver-
20 tisements.

21 “(B) Contributions permitted by subclause (A) shall
22 be used for the sole purpose of responding to such adver-
23 tisements, and funds remaining at the conclusion of such
24 response shall be returned to the individual contributors
25 (based on the percentage of the total amount contributed).

1 “(C) Not later than 30 days after the date on which
2 a response is made under subclause (B), the Senator shall
3 submit for review to the Select Committee on Ethics of
4 the Senate the amount raised, copies of the advertisements
5 in question, and the dates and outlets on which the adver-
6 tisements were run.

7 “(4) This subparagraph shall not apply to any au-
8 thorized committee of a Senator who is a candidate for
9 an office other than Senator, but only if such committee
10 is established for the purpose of running for such other
11 office and no contribution accepted by the committee is
12 used for the purpose of running for the office of Senator.

13 “(5) Any term used in this subparagraph which is
14 also used in the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971
15 (2 U.S.C. 331 et seq.) shall have the meaning given such
16 term under such Act.”.

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