

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4511

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON 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. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Pick Your Poison Act of 2010”.

6 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Independent expenditures made in connec-
 2 tion with elections for public office, including those
 3 made by corporations, give rise to corruption and
 4 the appearance of corruption, as well as undue influ-
 5 ence and access.

6 (2) This corruption, and the appearance of this
 7 corruption, threatens to cause the electorate to lose
 8 faith in our democracy.

9 **SEC. 2. BAN ON EXPENDITURES AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR**
 10 **ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS BY**
 11 **CORPORATIONS EMPLOYING OR RETAINING**
 12 **REGISTERED LOBBYISTS.**

13 Section 316 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
 14 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441b) is amended by adding at the end
 15 the following new subsection:

16 “(d) SPECIAL RULE FOR CORPORATIONS EMPLOYING
 17 OR RETAINING REGISTERED LOBBYISTS.—A corporation
 18 may not make any expenditure, or make any disbursement
 19 for an electioneering communication, if it employs or re-
 20 tains a registered lobbyist under the Lobbying Disclosure
 21 Act of 1995.”.

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