

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "FEC Administrative Improvements Act".

SEC. 2. REQUIRING ELECTRONIC FILING.

Section 304(a)(11)(A)(i) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30104(a)(11)(A)(i)) is amended by inserting "or makes electioneering communications" after "expenditures".

SEC. 3. PERMITTING POLITICAL COMMITTEES TO MAKE DISBURSEMENTS BY METHODS OTHER THAN CHECK.

Section 302(h)(1) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30102(h)(1)) is amended by striking "except by check drawn on such accounts in accordance with this section" and inserting "except from such accounts".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. STEIL) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. MORELLE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I rise in strong support of H.R. 8738, the FEC Administrative Improvements Act.

I thank my friends, Ranking Member MORELLE and the chair of our Subcommittee on Elections, Representative LEE from Florida, for their leadership on this legislation.

Our campaign finance system wasn't designed for the digital age. That extends to the statutes governing the work of the Federal Elections Commission.

This bill implements several recommendations from the FEC to modernize their administrative operations and reduce outdated administrative burdens.

The bill expands the electronic filing requirements to electioneering communications reports and allows political committees to make disbursements by methods other than checks.

Madam Speaker, the work of the FEC is important to our Federal election system. This bill improves their efficiency and modernizes our campaign finance system for the digital age.

I urge immediate passage of the legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I agree again with my colleague and friend Chairman STEIL, this is a meaningful, bipartisan bill to ensure that the public receives important information about election-relevant communications.

I was happy to reintroduce this bill with several members of the Committee on House Administration, both Republican and Democratic. I thank Chairman STEIL for his leadership and Congresswoman LEE and Congresswoman SEWELL for their work on this.

As people may know, Congresswoman LEE and Congresswoman SEWELL, in particular, work hard on election administration issues as the leaders of the committee's Elections Subcommittee. As it becomes harder to find common ground in Congress, I commend my cosponsors for their work on this and other issues important to the work at hand.

The bill we are considering today, the FEC Administrative Improvements Act, would amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require campaign committees to file their electioneering communications with the Federal Elections Commission in electronic format as opposed to on paper.

As the FEC has informed Congress: "Compared to data from paper reports, data from electronically filed reports is received, processed, and disseminated more easily and efficiently, resulting in the better use of resources." I couldn't agree more.

In contrast, paper filings take days to be available to provide critical information for the public, so modernizing our campaign disclosure functions is a commonsense reform for those of us who live in the 21st century, and we are grateful we have an opportunity to do that.

However, there are substantive reasons to make this change as well. The Supreme Court has long recognized that disclosure requirements are vitally important: Disclosure provides the electorate with information as to where political campaign money comes from and how it is spent.

American voters are best equipped to choose leaders when they have the most fulsome, up-to-date information at hand. The FEC Administrative Improvements Act would also tackle another bipartisan legislative recommendation from the FEC, allowing committees to make disbursement in ways other than by check.

The Committee on House Administration—and I think I speak for colleagues on both sides—cares deeply about modernization. Modernizing Congress has, in recent years, driven thoughtful and bipartisan work by committee members to improve the function of this institution.

Our interest in modernization extends to the FEC, so H.R. 8738 will bring the FEC into the modern era and aid every American voter as they exercise their fundamental rights.

Given the bipartisan agreement on the bill, I hope we can move it rapidly from the floor to the Senate and then to the President's desk for signature.

Again, I thank my colleague Chairman STEIL for his courtesies and leadership on this.

Madam Speaker, very simply, I thank the chairman and my colleagues.

I look forward to what I hope is a unanimous or near-unanimous vote in the House on this important legislation.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague, the ranking member, Mr. MORELLE, for his work on this legislation. There is a lot of work to be done to update our campaign finance laws for the digital age, and this is an important piece of legislation. I encourage all my colleagues to vote in favor of H.R. 8738. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. STEIL) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 8738.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

VACATING ORDERING OF RECORDED VOTE ON RECONSIDERATION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 1398, AND LAYING ON THE TABLE HOUSE RESOLUTION 1377

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the ordering of a recorded vote on the question of reconsideration of the vote on adoption of House Resolution 1398 be vacated to the end that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table and that House Resolution 1377 be laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. YAKYM) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 3106; and

H.R. 8897.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the remaining

electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

WEATHERIZING INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE NORTH AND TERRORISM EMERGENCY READINESS ACT OF 2025

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3106) to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a collective response to a terrorism exercise that includes the management of cascading effects on critical infrastructure during times of extreme cold weather, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GARBARINO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 400, nays 7, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 234]

YEAS—400

Adams	Cloud	Flood
Aderholt	Clyburn	Fong
Aguilar	Clyde	Foster
Alford	Cohen	Foushee
Allen	Cole	Foxx
Amo	Collins	Frankel, Lois
Amodei (NV)	Comer	Franklin, Scott
Arrington	Conaway	Friedman
Auchincloss	Correa	Frost
Babin	Costa	Fry
Bacon	Courtney	Fulcher
Baird	Craig	Fuller
Balderson	Crane	Gallagher
Balint	Crank	Garamendi
Barr	Crawford	Garbarino
Barragán	Crockett	Garcia (IL)
Barrett	Crow	Garcia (TX)
Baumgartner	Cuellar	Gill (TX)
Bean (FL)	Dauids (KS)	Gillen
Beatty	Davidson	Gimenez
Begich	Davis (NC)	Golden (ME)
Bell	De La Cruz	Goldman (TX)
Bentz	Dean (PA)	Gomez
Bera	DeGette	Gonzalez, V.
Bergman	DeLauro	Gooden
Beyer	DelBene	Goodlander
Bice	Deluzio	Gosar
Biggs (SC)	DeSaulnier	Gottheimer
Bilirakis	DesJarlais	Gray
Bishop	Dexter	Green, Al (TX)
Boebert	Diaz-Balart	Griffith
Bonamici	Dingell	Grijalva
Bost	Doggett	Grothman
Boyle (PA)	Donalds	Guest
Brecheen	Downing	Guthrie
Bresnahan	Dunn (FL)	Hageman
Brown	Edwards	Hamadeh (AZ)
Brownley	Elfreth	Harder (CA)
Budzinski	Ellzey	Haridopolos
Bynum	Emmer	Harris (NC)
Calvert	Escobar	Harshbarger
Cammack	Espallat	Hayes
Carbajal	Estes	Hern (OK)
Carey	Evans (CO)	Hill (AR)
Carson	Evans (PA)	Himes
Carter (GA)	Ezell	Hinson
Carter (LA)	Fallon	Horsford
Carter (TX)	Fedorchak	Houchin
Case	Feenstra	Houlahan
Casten	Fields	Hoyer
Castor (FL)	Figures	Hoyle (OR)
Castro (TX)	Fine	Hudson
Chu	Finstad	Huffman
Cisneros	Fischbach	Huizenga
Clark (MA)	Fitzgerald	Hunt
Clarke (NY)	Fitzpatrick	Hurd (CO)
Cleaver	Fleischmann	Issa
Cline	Fletcher	Ivey

Jack	Messmer	Sewell
Jackson (IL)	Meuser	Sherman
Jackson (TX)	Mfume	Shreve
Jacobs	Miller (IL)	Simon
Jayapal	Miller (OH)	Simpson
Jeffries	Miller (WV)	Smith (MO)
Johnson (GA)	Miller-Meeks	Smith (NE)
Johnson (SD)	Mills	Smith (NJ)
Johnson (TX)	Min	Smith (WA)
Jordan	Moolenaar	Smucker
Joyce (OH)	Moore (AL)	Sorensen
Joyce (PA)	Moore (NC)	Soto
Kamlager-Dove	Moore (UT)	Spartz
Kaptur	Moore (WI)	Stansbury
Kean	Moore (WV)	Stanton
Keating	Moran	Staubert
Kelly (IL)	Morelle	Stefanik
Kelly (MS)	Morrison	Steil
Kelly (PA)	Moskowitz	Steube
Kennedy (NY)	Mrvan	Stevens
Kennedy (UT)	Mullin	Strickland
Khanna	Murphy	Strong
Kiggans (VA)	Neal	Stutzman
Kiley (CA)	Neguse	Subramanyam
Kim	Nehls	Suozzi
Knott	Newhouse	Sykes
Krishnamoorthi	Norman	Takano
Kustoff	Nunn (IA)	Taylor
LaHood	Obornolte	Tenney
LaLota	Ocasio-Cortez	Thandear
Landman	Ogles	Thompson (CA)
Langworthy	Olzewski	Thompson (MS)
Larsen (WA)	Omar	Thompson (PA)
Larson (CT)	Onder	Tiffany
Latimer	Owens	Timmons
Latta	Pallone	Titus
Lawler	Palmer	Tlaib
Lee (FL)	Panetta	Tokuda
Lee (NV)	Pappas	Tonko
Lee (PA)	Patronis	Torres (CA)
Leger Fernandez	Pelosi	Torres (NY)
Letlow	Perez	Trahan
Levin	Perry	Tran
Liccardo	Peters	Turner (OH)
Lieu	Pettersen	Underwood
Lofgren	Pfluger	Valadao
Loudermilk	Pocan	Van Drew
Lucas	Pou	Van Dwyne
Luttrell	Pressley	Van Epps
Lynch	Quigley	Van Orden
Mackenzie	Ramirez	Vargas
Magaziner	Randall	Vasquez
Malliotakis	Raskin	Veasey
Maloy	Reschenthaler	Velázquez
Mann	Riley (NY)	Vindman
Mannion	Rivas	Wagner
Mast	Rogers (KY)	Walberg
Matsui	Ross	Walkinshaw
McBath	Rouzer	Wasserman
McBride	Ruiz	Schultz
McClain	Rulli	Waters
McClain Delaney	Rutherford	Watson Coleman
McClellan	Ryan	Weber (TX)
McClintock	Salazar	Webster (FL)
McCollum	Salinas	Westerman
McCormick	Sánchez	Whitesides
McDonald Rivet	Scanlon	Wied
McDowell	Scanlon	Williams (GA)
McGarvey	Schmidt	Williams (TX)
McGovern	Schneider	Wilson (FL)
McGuire	Scholten	Wilson (SC)
McIver	Schrier	Wittman
Meeks	Schweikert	Womack
Mejia	Scott (VA)	Yakym
Menefee	Scott, Austin	Zinke
Menendez	Sessions	

NAYS—7

Burchett	Harris (MD)	Self
Burlison	Massie	
Harrigan	Roy	

NOT VOTING—23

Ansari	Goldman (NY)	Moulton
Biggs (AZ)	Graves	Nadler
Buchanan	Higgins (LA)	Norcross
Casas	James	Pingree
Ciscomani	Luna	Rogers (AL)
Crenshaw	Mace	Rose
Davis (IL)	McCauley	Schakowsky
Garcia (CA)	Meng	

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Messrs. BURCHETT and BURLISON changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. ANSARI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 234.

IMPROVING TRAVEL FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 8897) to improve travel for American families, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GARBARINO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 398, nays 12, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 235]

YEAS—398

Adams	Ciscomani	Fedorchak
Aderholt	Cisneros	Feenstra
Aguilar	Clark (MA)	Fields
Alford	Clarke (NY)	Figures
Allen	Cleaver	Fine
Amo	Cline	Finstad
Amodei (NV)	Cloud	Fischbach
Ansari	Clyburn	Fitzgerald
Babin	Clyde	Fitzpatrick
Bacon	Cohen	Fleischmann
Baird	Cole	Fletcher
Balderson	Collins	Flood
Balint	Comer	Fong
Barr	Conaway	Foster
Barragán	Correa	Foushee
Barrett	Costa	Foxx
Baumgartner	Courtney	Frankel, Lois
Bean (FL)	Craig	Franklin, Scott
Beatty	Crank	Friedman
Begich	Crawford	Frost
Bell	Crenshaw	Fry
Bentz	Crockett	Fulcher
Bera	Crow	Fuller
Bergman	Cuellar	Gallagher
Beyer	Dauids (KS)	Garamendi
Bice	Davidson	Garbarino
Biggs (SC)	Davis (NC)	Garcia (IL)
Bilirakis	De La Cruz	Garcia (TX)
Bishop	Dean (PA)	Gill (TX)
Boebert	DeGette	Gillen
Bonamici	DeLauro	Gimenez
Bost	DelBene	Golden (ME)
Boyle (PA)	Deluzio	Goldman (TX)
Brecheen	DeSaulnier	Gomez
Bresnahan	DesJarlais	Gonzalez, V.
Brown	Dexter	Gooden
Brownley	Diaz-Balart	Goodlander
Budzinski	Dingell	Gosar
Bynum	Doggett	Gottheimer
Calvert	Donalds	Gray
Cammack	Downing	Green, Al (TX)
Carbajal	Dunn (FL)	Griffith
Carey	Edwards	Grijalva
Carson	Elfreth	Grothman
Carter (GA)	Ellzey	Guest
Carter (LA)	Emmer	Guthrie
Carter (TX)	Escobar	Hageman
Casas	Espallat	Hamadeh (AZ)
Case	Estes	Harder (CA)
Casten	Evans (CO)	Haridopolos
Castor (FL)	Evans (PA)	Harris (NC)
Castro (TX)	Ezell	Hayes
Chu	Fallon	Hern (OK)