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H. R. 2630

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 7, 2007

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. HOYER, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Ms. SLAUGHTER) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Campaign Expenditure
3 Transparency Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING PAYMENT OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO**
5 **SPOUSES OF CANDIDATES; DISCLOSURE OF**
6 **PAYMENTS TO FAMILY MEMBERS.**

7 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 313 of the Federal Elec-
8 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 439a) is amended
9 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

10 “(c) RESTRICTIONS ON PAYMENTS TO SPOUSES; DIS-
11 CLOSURE OF PAYMENTS TO FAMILY MEMBERS.—

12 “(1) PROHIBITION.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
14 other provision of this Act, an authorized com-
15 mittee of a candidate and a leadership PAC of
16 a candidate or individual holding Federal office
17 may not make any payment to the spouse of the
18 candidate or individual (as the case may be) for
19 services provided to the committee or leadership
20 PAC.

21 “(B) EXCEPTION FOR REIMBURSEMENTS
22 FOR TRAVEL.—Subparagraph (A) does not
23 apply to amounts paid to reimburse a spouse
24 for any travel expenses which the committee or
25 leadership PAC involved is permitted to reim-
26 burse under this Act.

1 “(2) DISCLOSURE OF PAYMENTS TO IMMEDIATE
2 FAMILY MEMBERS.—In addition to any other infor-
3 mation included in a report submitted by an author-
4 ized committee or a leadership PAC of a candidate
5 or individual holding Federal office under section
6 304, the committee or PAC shall include in the re-
7 port a separate statement of any disbursements
8 made to any immediate family member of the can-
9 didate or individual (as the case may be) during the
10 period covered by the report, as well as any dis-
11 bursements made to the spouse of the candidate or
12 individual which the committee or leadership PAC is
13 permitted to make under the exception described in
14 paragraph (1)(B).

15 “(3) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN
16 ENTITIES.—For purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2),
17 a payment to an entity shall be considered to be a
18 payment to the spouse or an immediate family mem-
19 ber of the candidate or individual (as the case may
20 be) if the spouse or immediate family member is an
21 officer or director of the entity.

22 “(4) EXCEPTION FOR NOMINAL REIMBURSE-
23 MENTS.—Paragraphs (1) and (2) do not apply to
24 nominal amounts paid to reimburse a spouse or im-
25 mediate family member for supplies and equipment

1 used by the committee or leadership PAC involved,
2 so long as the total amount paid by the committee
3 or leadership PAC for all such reimbursements dur-
4 ing a calendar year does not exceed \$500.

5 “(5) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

6 “(A) the term ‘immediate family member’
7 means the son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-
8 in-law, mother, father, brother, sister, brother-
9 in-law, sister-in-law, or grandchild of the can-
10 didate or individual involved; and

11 “(B) the term ‘leadership PAC’ means a
12 political committee which is directly or indi-
13 rectly established, maintained, or controlled by
14 a candidate for election for Federal office or an
15 individual holding Federal office but is not an
16 authorized committee of the candidate or indi-
17 vidual, except that such term does not include
18 any political committee of a political party.”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 313(a)(1)
20 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 439a(a)(1)) is amended by striking
21 “for otherwise” and inserting “subject to subsection (c),
22 for otherwise”.

1 **SEC. 3. IMPOSITION OF PENALTY AGAINST CANDIDATE OR**
2 **OFFICEHOLDER.**

3 Section 309 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
4 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 437g) is amended by adding at the end
5 the following new subsection:

6 “(e) In the case of a violation of section 313(c) com-
7 mitted by an authorized committee or leadership PAC of
8 a candidate or individual holding Federal office, if the can-
9 didate or individual knew of the violation, any penalty im-
10 posed under this section shall be imposed on the candidate
11 or individual and not on the committee or leadership
12 PAC.”.

13 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
15 respect to elections occurring after December 2007.

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