

SEC. __. MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING.

Section 304(a) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (11) and inserting the following:

“(11) ELECTRONIC FILING.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall promulgate a regulation under which a person required to file a designation, statement, or report under this Act, in addition to the current filing requirements—

“(i) is required to maintain and file each designation, statement, or report in electronic form accessible by computer if the person has, or expects to have, aggregate contributions or aggregate expenditures in excess of a threshold amount determined by the Commission; and

“(ii) may maintain and file a designation, statement, or report in electronic form accessible by computer if not required to do so under the regulation promulgated under clause (i).

“(B) VERIFICATION OF FILINGS.—

“(i) REGULATION.—The Commission shall promulgate a regulation to provide a method for verifying a designation, statement, report, or notification required to be filed under this paragraph (other than requiring a signature on the document being filed).

“(ii) TREATMENT OF VERIFICATION.—A document verified by the method promulgated under clause (i) shall be treated for all purposes in the same manner as a document verified by a signature.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2314

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. __. CIVIL ACTION.

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

“(e) CIVIL ACTION.—

“(1) AUTHORITY TO BRING CIVIL ACTION.—If the Commission does not act to investigate or dismiss a complaint within 120 days after the complaint is filed, the person who filed the complaint may commence a civil action against the Commission in United States district court for injunctive relief.

“(2) ATTORNEY'S FEES.—The court may award the costs of the litigation (including reasonable attorney's fees) to a plaintiff who substantially prevails in the civil action.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2315

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. __. AUDITS.

(a) RANDOM AUDITS.—Section 311(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 438(b)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(1)” before “The Commission”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) RANDOM AUDITS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Commission may conduct random audits and investigations to ensure voluntary compliance with this Act.

“(B) LIMITATION.—The Commission shall not conduct an audit or investigation of a candidate's authorized committee under paragraph (1) until the candidate is no longer a candidate for the office sought by the candidate in an election cycle.

“(C) APPLICABILITY.—This paragraph does not apply to an authorized committee of a candidate for President or Vice President subject to audit under section 9007 or 9038 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.”.

(b) EXTENSION OF PERIOD DURING WHICH CAMPAIGN AUDITS MAY BE BEGUN.—Section 311(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 438(b)) is amended by striking “6 months” and inserting “12 months”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2316

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. __. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) FILING DATE FOR REPORTS.—Section 304(a) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)(A)(i), by striking “(or posted by registered or certified mail no later than the 15th day before)”;

(2) in paragraph (4)(A)(ii), by striking “(or posted by registered or certified mail no later than the 15th day before)”;

(3) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting “(5) [Repealed.]”.

(b) CAMPAIGN-CYCLE REPORTING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 304(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(b)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “(or, in the case of an authorized committee, the reporting period and the election cycle)” after “calendar year”;

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “(or, in the case of an authorized committee, within the election cycle)” after “calendar year”;

(ii) in subparagraph (F), by inserting “(or, in the case of an authorized committee, within the election cycle)” after “calendar year”;

(iii) in subparagraph (G), by inserting “(or, in the case of an authorized committee, within the election cycle)” after “calendar year”;

(C) in paragraph (4), by inserting “(or, in the case of an authorized committee, the reporting period and the election cycle)” after “calendar year”;

(D) in paragraph (5)(A), by inserting “(or, in the case of an authorized committee, within the election cycle)” after “calendar year”;

(E) in paragraph (6)(A), by striking “calendar year” and inserting “election cycle”.

(2) DEFINITION OF ELECTION CYCLE.—Section 301 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(20) ELECTION CYCLE.—The term ‘election cycle’ means the period beginning on the day after the date of the most recent general election for the specific office or seat that a candidate is seeking and ending on the date of the next general election for that office or seat.”.

(c) MONTHLY REPORTING BY MULTICANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEES.—Section 304(a)(4)(B) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(a)(4)(B)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “In the case of a multicandidate political committee that has received contributions aggregating \$100,000 or more or made expenditures aggregating \$100,000 or more, by January 1 of the calendar year, or anticipates receiving contributions aggregating \$100,000 or more or making expenditures aggregating \$100,000 or more during such year, the committee shall file monthly reports under this subparagraph.”.

(d) FILING OF REPORT OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES.—The second sentence of section 304(c)(2) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(c)(2)) is amended by inserting “and filed” after “shall be reported”.

(e) REPORTING OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURES.—Section 304(a) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(12)(A)(i) A political committee, other than an authorized committee of a candidate, that has received contributions aggregating \$100,000 or more or made expenditures aggregating \$100,000 or more during the calendar year or anticipates receiving contributions aggregating \$100,000 or more or making expenditures aggregating \$100,000 or more during such year, shall notify the Com-

mission in writing of any contribution in an aggregate amount equal to \$1,000 or more received by the committee after the 20th day, but more than 48 hours, before any election.

“(ii) Notification shall be made within 48 hours after the receipt of such contribution and shall include the name of the political committee, the identification of the contributor, and the date of receipt of the contribution.

“(B) The notification required under this paragraph shall be in addition to all other reporting requirements under this Act.”.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE ACCESS ACT

THOMPSON (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 2317

Mr. SPECTER (for Mr. THOMPSON (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. WARNER)) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 974) to establish a program to afford high school graduates from the District of Columbia the benefits of in-State tuition at State colleges and universities outside the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 13, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

(3) FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS.—Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the Mayor may prioritize the making or amount of tuition and fee payments under this subsection based on the income and need of eligible students.

On page 15, line 22, strike “1999” and insert “1998”.

On page 23, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

(3) FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS.—Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the Mayor may prioritize the making or amount of tuition and fee payments under this subsection based on the income and need of eligible students.

On page 23, line 14, strike “(A)” and insert “(A)(i)”.

On page 23, line 19, strike “(i)” and insert “(I)”.

On page 23, line 20, strike “(ii)” and insert “(II)”.

On page 24, line 1, strike “(iii)” and insert “(III)”.

On page 24, line 5, strike “(B)” and insert “(ii)”.

On page 24, line 9, strike “(C)” and insert “(iii)”.

On page 24, line 15, strike the period and insert “; or”.

On page 24, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

(B) is a private historically Black college or university (for purposes of this subparagraph such term shall have the meaning given the term “part B institution” in section 322(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061(2)) the main campus of which is located in the State of Maryland or the Commonwealth of Virginia.

DESIGNATING NATIONAL CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

REED AMENDMENT NO. 2318

Mr. SPECTER (for Mr. REED) proposed an amendment to the resolution (S. Res. 199) designating the week of

October 24, 1999, through October 30, 1999, and the week of October 22, 2000, through October 28, 2000, as "National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week"; as follows:

On page 2 line 8, strike "day" and insert "week".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 1999, in open session, to receive testimony on future naval operations at the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Facility.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 19, for purposes of conducting a joint committee hearing with the Committee on Governmental Affairs, which is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of this oversight hearing is to receive testimony on the Department of Energy's implementation of provisions of the Department of Defense Authorization Act which create the National Nuclear Security Administration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to conduct a business meeting Tuesday, October 19, immediately following the first vote, S-216, The Capitol, to consider the nominations of (1) Skila Harris, nominated by the President to be a Member of the Tennessee Valley Authority; (2) Glenn L. McCullough, Jr., nominated by the President to be a Member of the Tennessee Valley Authority; and (3) Gerald V. Poje, nominated by the President to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the senate on Tuesday, October 19, 1999 at 2:30 PM to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee be permitted to meet on Tuesday, October 19,

at 10:30 a.m. for a hearing regarding H.R. 391 and S. 1378, the Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1999.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, the Committee on the Judiciary requests unanimous consent to conduct a markup on Tuesday, October 19, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE YEAR 2000 TECHNOLOGY PROBLEM

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem be permitted to meet on October 19, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WILDLIFE, AND DRINKING WATER

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water be granted permission to conduct a hearing Tuesday, October 19, 10:00 a.m., Hearing Room (SD-406), to examine the benefits and policy concerns related to Habitat Conservation Plans.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 19, for purposes of conducting a Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management hearing which is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1608, a bill to provide annual payments to the States and counties from National Forest System land management by the Forest Service, and the re-vested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands managed predominately by the Bureau of Land Management, for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of the public schools, roads, emergency and other public purposes; to encourage and provide a new mechanism for cooperation between counties and the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to make necessary investments in federal lands, and reaffirm the positive connection between Federal Lands counties and Federal Lands; and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-TERM GROWTH AND DEBT REDUCTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Finance, Subcommittee on Long-Term Growth and Debt Reduction be permitted to meet on Tuesday, October 19, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. to hear testimony on Federal Income Tax Issues Relating to Restructuring of the Electric Power Industry.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE ACCESS ACT

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I am pleased to join in supporting this legislation and, also, as a cosponsor of the amendment offered by Chairman THOMPSON and Senator VOINOVICH.

This important legislation will provide high school students from the District of Columbia significant financial relief to assist them in attending a public or private university in Virginia or Maryland.

I am grateful to Chairman THOMPSON, Ranking Member LIEBERMAN and particularly Subcommittee Chairman VOINOVICH for taking on this effort and moving swiftly to bring this bill before the full Senate.

I have had a particular interest in expanding the educational opportunities available to District students by ensuring that they are eligible to receive the reduced tuition rate or grants to attend any of the exceptional Historically Black Colleges and Universities in Virginia or Maryland. Many students from the District of Columbia currently attend an Historically Black College or University in Virginia or Maryland and there is a great tradition among these schools and District students.

In Virginia, we are privileged to have five exceptional Historically Black Colleges and Universities—Hampton University, Virginia State University, Virginia Union University, Norfolk State University and St. Paul's College. I am pleased that the amendment offered today with this legislation incorporates a provision I requested to make each of these institutions eligible under this legislation. With the passage of this amendment to the bill, students from the District of Columbia will now be able to receive either in-state tuition rates or grants to attend any public institution or Historically Black College or University in Virginia.

Mr. President, I applaud the efforts of my colleagues, Senator VOINOVICH and Chairman THOMPSON, and appreciate their attention to the matters involving Historically Black Colleges. •

CHESHIRE LIONS CLUB

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the Cheshire Lions Club of Cheshire, CT which is celebrating its 50th anniversary of service to the community.