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### **H.R. 577—To require any organization that is established for the purpose of raising funds for creating, maintaining, expanding, or conducting activities at a Presidential archival depository or any facilities relating to a Presidential archival depository to disclose the sources and amounts of any funds raised (Duncan)**

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.R. 577 would require expanded (annual) financial disclosure for any organization that is established for the purpose of fundraising for “creating, maintaining, expanding, or conducting activities at a Presidential archival depository” or any related facility.

Specifically, to a **non-official** depository of a **current** President, the bill would require the disclosure of:

- Names of contributors who gave \$200 or more in a year
- The value of each contribution
- The specific source of each contribution (differentiating between individual and group contributions)
- The address of the individual or entity that is the source of each contribution
- The occupation of the individual source of each such contribution
- The date of each contribution

To an **official** depository of a **former** President, the bill would require the disclosure of:

- Names of contributors who gave \$5000 or more in a year

- The value of each contribution
- The specific source of each contribution (differentiating between individual and group contributions)
- The address of the individual or entity that is the source of each contribution
- The occupation of the individual source of each such contribution
- The date of each contribution

Such information would be required to be submitted to the current presidential Administration, the House Committee on Government Reform, and the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and to be posted for public scrutiny on the Internet.

The current laws and penalties regarding fraudulent statements made to the federal government and regarding federal election law would be extended to cover the fraudulent submission or omission of relevant information required to be disclosed by individuals and organizations. It would be illegal for a person to make (or allow another person in the first person's name to make) a contribution in the name of another or for an organization to accept such a contribution.

For the purposes of this bill, in-kind contributions would count the same as monetary contributions. No contributions made before the enactment of this bill would have to be reported.

**Additional Background:** Some people have accused candidates and organizations of circumventing campaign finance laws by giving or soliciting donations for Presidential libraries.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** CBO estimates that this bill would have only an insignificant budgetary effect on authorizations, mandatory spending, and receipts.

**Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?:** Yes. The bill would create new reporting regulations for presidential library fundraising and new penalties for related contribution violations.

**Constitutional Authority:** A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**S. 970 —A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 39 Tremont Street, Paris Hill, Maine, as the Horatio King Post Office Building (Collins)**

**Order of Business:** The bill will be considered under suspension of the rules on Tuesday, February 5, 2002.

**Summary:** The bill names a post office after Horatio King, the Postmaster General under Presidents Buchanan and Lincoln, and a native of Paris, Maine who died in 1897.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** A CBO cost estimate is unavailable, but historically the cost of renaming post offices is negligible.

**Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules:** No, the bill renames a federal post office.

**Constitutional Authority:** A Committee Report citing Constitutional Authority is unavailable.

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**S. 737 - A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 811 South Main Street in Yerington, Nevada, as the “Joseph E. Dini, Jr. Post Office” (*Sen. Reid*)**

**Order of Business:** The bill will be considered under suspension of the rules on Tuesday, February 5, 2002.

**Summary:** The bill names a post office after a state politician and casino owner from Nevada. Joseph E. Dini, Jr. served in the Nevada Assembly from 1967-2001 and was the Democrat Speaker for more sessions than any Speaker in Nevada history. Joseph Dini, Jr. is also the President of Dini's Lucky Club, a casino located in Yerington, Nevada.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** A CBO cost estimate is unavailable, but historically the cost of renaming post offices is negligible.

**Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules:** No, the bill renames a federal post office.

**Constitutional Authority:** A Committee Report citing Constitutional Authority is unavailable.

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**S. 1888 — To amend title 18 of the United States Code to correct a technical error in the codification of title 36 of the United States Code (Sen. Stevens)**

**Order of Business:** The bill will be considered under suspension of the rules on Tuesday, February 5, 2002.

**Summary:** The bill is a technical correction to 18 U.S. Code 2320(e)(1)(B), dealing with trafficking in counterfeit goods or services, specifically applying to the US Olympic Committee's trademarks. H.R. 1085, signed into law in 1998, contained a cross-reference that was mistyped as section 220706 (dealing with Submarine Veterans of World War II) instead of section 220506 (dealing with exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges for the U.S. Olympic Committee, among others). According to Senator Stevens' floor remarks, the Olympic Rings and other symbols were given exclusively to the USOC under the "Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act" (in the FY99 Omnibus Appropriations bill) and H.R. 1085 meant to cross-reference this Act instead of the veterans section. S. 1888 merely replaces the cross-reference under Title 18.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** A CBO cost estimate is unavailable, but the technical correction should have no fiscal impact on the federal government.

**Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules:** No, the bill ensures that exclusive trademark rights to the Olympic Rings and other Olympic Symbols remain with the U.S. Olympic Committee, as intended in the "Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act" of 1998.

**Constitutional Authority:** A Committee Report citing Constitutional Authority is unavailable.

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