

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5771

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit Members of Congress from making direct and personal solicitations of campaign funds when a Government shutdown is in effect, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

Mr. NUNN of Iowa introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “People Before Politics
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM MAK-**
2 **ING DIRECT AND PERSONAL SOLICITATIONS**
3 **OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS DURING GOVERNMENT**
4 **SHUTDOWN.**

5 Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of
6 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101 et seq.) is amended by adding at
7 the end the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 325. PROHIBITING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM**
9 **MAKING DIRECT AND PERSONAL SOLICITA-**
10 **TIONS OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS DURING GOV-**
11 **ERNMENT SHUTDOWN.**

12 “(a) PROHIBITION.—An individual holding the office
13 of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident
14 Commissioner to, the Congress may not make a direct and
15 personal solicitation of funds in connection with an elec-
16 tion for Federal office at any time during which a Govern-
17 ment shutdown is in effect.

18 “(b) DETERMINATION OF GOVERNMENT SHUT-
19 DOWN.—For purposes of this section, a Government shut-
20 down shall be considered to be in effect if there is a lapse
21 in appropriations for any Federal agency or department
22 as a result of a failure to enact a regular appropriations
23 bill or continuing resolution.”.

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