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Amendments to H.R. 359 - To reduce federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions

H.R. 359 is scheduled to be considered on the House floor on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, subject to a modified open rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill, and provides for one hour of general debate. The rule makes in order those amendments that have been preprinted in the congressional record (submitted to the Rules Committee by close of business today), and provides for one motion to recommit. This modified open rule also allows for consideration of amendments under the five-minute rule, with a total of up to five hours of amendment debate. The rule also provides that all points of order against provisions in the bill are waived.

AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. **Peters (D-MI):** This amendment would clarify that after termination, amounts left in the account would be transferred to the Treasury, with the specific purpose of deficit reduction.
2. **Castor (D-FL):** Instead of transferring the unused funds to the Treasury, this amendment would transfer funds to the Department of Justice to be used to pay local law enforcement for cost of providing security at Presidential nominating conventions.
3. **Castor (D-FL):** This amendment would remove the section of the legislation that terminates the taxpayer’s option to contribute their income tax to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund (PECF). This amendment would transfer any funds in the PECF to the Presidential Nominating Convention Security Fund. This fund would be used to pay local law enforcement for cost of providing security at Presidential nominating conventions.
4. **Tsongas (D-MA):** This amendment would add a new section at the end of the bill. This section would make it unlawful for any entity (other than a natural person) who receives federal funds to:

- Use those funds to advocate the election or defeat of a Presidential candidate;
- Use those funds to engage in any lobbying activity; or
- Donate those funds to any entity that advocates for the election or defeat of a Presidential candidate or engages in lobbying.

- 5. Polis (D-CO):** This amendment is a substitute amendment and would allow taxpayers to designate a portion of their income tax for the PECEF, at an amount not less than \$1.
- 6. Moore (D-WI):** This amendment is a substitute amendment and would allow taxpayers to designate a portion of their income tax for the PECEF, at an amount of \$3 for an individual, and \$6 for joint filers.