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[1]	CHRISTOPHER SHAYS,
[2	having been first duly sworn by
[3]	ELIZABETH HUDSON TELSON, a Novary
[4	Public within and for the District of
[5	Columbia, was examined and testified as
[6]	follows:
[7	···
[8]	EXAMINATION CONDUCTED
[9]	BY MR. COOPER;
[10]	Q. Good morning, Congressman.
[11]	
[12]	Q. My name is Chuck Cooper. I am with
[13]	Cooper and Kirk, and I represent the National
[14]	
[15]	Association Political Victory Fund in this case.
[16]	My colleague, Derek Shaffer, is here with me. It
[17]	is a great pleasure to meet you and a privilege to
[18]	•
[19]	A. Could I ask a question?
[20]	Q. Sure.
[21]	A. Is the Political Victory Fund a
[22]	political action committee?
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[1]	Q. Yes; yes, it is.
[2]	Before we went on the record, we
[3]	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
[4]	but we know very well how valuable your time is.
[5]	We appreciate your being here, and we will try to
[6]	impose upon it as little as possible.  I will begin the questioning, and then
[7] [8]	my friend and colleague, Mr. Burchfield, will ask
[6]	some questions later on.
(10)	Could you state your name for the
[11]	record, Congressman.
[12]	A. My name is Christopher Shays, and I
[13]	live at 37 Beacon Street in Bridgeport,
[14]	Connecticut, and I have a residence down in
(15)	Washington when I am here in Washington

Washington when I am here in Washington. [15] [16] Q. You are represented by counsel today, I take it, Mr. Witten. [17] Yes. [18] A. What Congressional District do you [19] [20] represent? A. I represent the Fourth Congressional [21] District -

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Q. Of Connecticut, obviously. [1] - of Connecticut. [2]

When were you elected initially to your [3] [4] position?

[5] A. I was elected in a special election August 17, 1986, and I was sworn in, in

September of that same year. [7]

Q. You have been re-elected consistently [8] since that time? [9]

[10] A. Correct.

[11] Q. Have all of your elections been

[12] contested?

[22]

[13] A. All of my elections for Congress have [14] been contested. I was a State Representative

[15] before, and I had a number that were not

contested. [16]

Q. Have you ever run in a primary for your [17]

Congressional seat? [18]

A. I had a primary in, I believe it was

July of 1986 - correction: I was elected in 1987

in a Special, so it was 1987. So, I was elected

[22] August 17, 1987. I had a primary in July. Four

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[1] weeks before the General Election, I had a [2] primary.

Q. Have you been challenged for your [3] party's nomination in a primary since that time? [4]

A. I had someone who wanted to primary me [6] and needed 15 percent of the delegates. He [7] challenged the delegates in three of the ten

towns. So, I participated in a delegate primary in the previous election.

Q. Have you ever been deposed? [101

> Α. Not to my knowledge.

[12] Have you ever given testimony in a

[13] court?

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I have given testimony in a court. [14]

Q. Did it relate, in any way, to the electorate or voting or anything of that kind? [16]

A. It related to political corruption in a [18] probate court."

Q. How did you prepare for this. [19] [20] deposition?

**[211** A. I met with counsel this week. I think twice in the evening and twice in the afternoon. [22]

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Q. Did you consult with anyone apart from your counsel? [2]

A. I consulted with people I have worked [3] with on the bill for campaign finance reform, the bipartisan bill.

Q. Would that be staff members or other [6] intervenors in this case? מו

A. I don't know if they are intervenors or [8] not, but I did consult with staff and I did [9]

consult with individuals who I have worked on this

legislation with. Let me just say, to be clear,

on certain provisions of the bill. [12]

Q. Could you identify for me who those [13] (14) individuals were?

A. Yes.

Fred Wertheimer and Tom Symmons [16]

(phonetic).

[18] Q. Who is Mr. Symmons?

A. Mr. Symmons is someone who worked full

[20] time for Common Cause and then I think became counsel for Common Cause and was very helpful on

my questions dealing with issues dealing with

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election reform. [1]

Q. In preparing for this deposition, did

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- [3] you review any documents?
- [4] A. I reviewed ever so briefly the
- [5] documents I submitted to the FEC and to The Court,
- [6] but ever so briefly. I looked at parts of our
- [7] legislation, but candidly, I did not review it
- [8] like I would review it preparing for debate on the
- [9] floor.

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- Q. This is nowhere near that important.
- [11] Did you review the transcript of any
- [12] other depositions taken in this case?
- [13] A. When you say review the deposition, I
- [14] want to be clear what you mean because I don't
- [15] quite know what a deposition is.
- [16] Q. This deposition is being taken down and [17] a transcript will be
  - A. I I'm sorry; continue.
- [19] O. a transcript will be prepared and
- [20] available very shortly to you and to others. I am
- [21] wondering if you -
  - A. Do you mean the previous people?

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- [1] Q. Of others who have been deposed in this [2] case, yes.
- [3] A. I made a point of not looking at any
- [4] answer that any of my colleagues might have made
- [5] to any question, and that was my choice.
- [6] Q. Did you review any advertisements or
- [7] the transcript of any advertisements that, for [8] example, might have been introduced as exhibits in
- 9] other depositions?
- [10] A. I looked at examples that were, I [11] understand, presented to others in depositions so
- [12] I will be able to respond to them a little more
- [13] quickly. I won't have to take as much time.
- [14] Q. As a candidate for Federal office, have
- [15] you had any experience with sham issue ads?
- [16] A. I think so; I am not sure.
- [17] I believe my opponents in my last
- [18] race so that would have been 2000, and I
- [19] believe in either 1996 or 1998 advertised on
- [20] TV. I believe those ads may have been paid for by
- [21] the DNC or the Democratic Congressional Campaign
- [22] Committee or a particular labor group.

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- [1] I think the last race, I think my
- (2) opponent may have had ads paid for by a labor
- [3] group. Honestly, I never saw any of the ads until
- [4] I looked at one ad taken this year off of a web
- [5] site, but I never once saw the ads during the
- [6] campaigns.
- [7] Q. Do you recall, though you didn't see
- [8] them, do you recall what the subject matter was or
- [9] what the thrust of the ad was?
- [10] A. I remember someone describing on one of
- [11] them I think it might have been in the first
- [12] election where TV was used against me where I
- [13] was portrayed as a chicken running to the left and
- [14] running to the right and not being able to make up
- 15] my mind as to what my position was.

- [16] When that was described to me and I
- [17] knew they were running, I thought I don't need to
- [18] see it.

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- O. Can you recall any others?
- [20] A. I think those are the only two
- [21] candidates who used TV.
- [22] I want to be clear: I never saw them,

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- [1] and I don't really know who paid for them, but we
- [2] were led to believe they were not paid for
- [3] directly by the candidate.
  - O. You suggested that perhaps one was paid
- [5] for or by a union?
  - A. I believe so.
- [7] O. Do you know of any that might have been
- [8] put on by a group and/or voluntary membership
- [9] organization such as, say, the NRA, that kind of
- [10] club, or the Sierra Club?
- [11] A. Or what other group?
  - Q. Or the Sierra Club, and I just used
- [13] those illustratively.
  - A. I don't think there were any.
- [15] If the Sierra Club ran one, it would
- [16] probably have been for me because I have a pretty
- [17] good environmental record. If they had ran one
- 18) against me, I think I would have known it.
- [19] So, your question is the Sierra Club,
- [20] the NRA I know the NRA has opposed me on a
- [21] number of occasions, but I am not certain they
- [22] have ever done a TV ad against me.

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- Q. You mentioned this ad that obviously
- 2) was a negative ad, a sharn issue ad with respect to
- [3] your candidacy. I think your interrogatory
- [4] answers referenced an ad run by the Sierra Club
- [5] that, according to your interrogatory answer, you
- [6] asked the Sierra Club to be removed from the air.
- 7] Am I remembering that correctly?
- 8) A. I don't think there were any TV ads.
- [9] So, what would that have been?
- [10] Would that have been radio?
  - Q. I don't know.
  - A. I don't remember.
- [13] Q. You don't recall that?
  - A. No.
- [15] I do remember the NRA got involved in
- [16] my campaign, excuse me, not the NRA, but the
- [17] Sierra Club or some environmental group. It may
- [18] have been the Sierra.
- [19] My recollection was that I was being
- [20] accused of using outside groups to help me. I
- [21] attempted to contact the group to ask them not to
- 22] run the advertisement, and they informed me that I

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- [1] didn't have that privilege; that, that was their
- [2] decision and not mine.
  - Q. Did they continue to run this ad?
- [4] A. I think, eventually, they stopped, but
  - they made it very clear to me that I could have no

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- say in whether they ran it or not. ផោ
- O. Do you agree with that? 171
- A. I do, but it was rather awkward because [8]
- I didn't like the fact that if I think it is wrong [9]
- for others, that they should do it for me. [10]
- O. I take it this ad was an ad favorable [11]
- [12] to you, that you would regard it as an ad favorable to your candidacy. [13]
- A. I don't remember what the ad said. [14]
- [15] I do remember the incident. I remember
- they were clearly trying to help me, and I didn't
- think it was very helpful.
- [18]
- Do you recall if the ad was a broadcast ad, either radio or television or both?
- [19]
- A. Well, I am almost certain it was not [20]
- TV, so it would have probably had to have been
- radio. I am making that assumption because I

- think I would remember a TV ad. [1]
- O. Why did you conclude the ad was not 121 [3] helpful?
- A. I have been so prominent in wanting [4]
- members of Congress to live by the 1907 law that [5]
- says no corporate money, the 1947 law that says no
- union dues money, and the 1974 law that says
- individual contributions. 181
- [9] I felt this was a resource being used
- [10] for me that was not individual contributions, so I
- just felt that it kind of conflicted with what my ...
- position is on how races should be run. [12]
  - Q. Did the ad mention your name?
- A. I honestly don't remember, but I would [14]
- [15] think it would have.
- [16] I don't remember what the ad said and I
- cannot even tell you what year it was, but the
- bottom line is I am sure they were trying to be [18]
- [19] helpful to me.

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- Q. When you use the term sham issue ad, I [20] [21] want to make sure we are using it in the same way
- [22] and I suspect we are, but would you please define

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- [1] for me what you mean when you use that term.
- A. I use that term rarely, but I consider
- [3] most so-called sham issue ads very good campaign
- [4] ads, and I believe those ads should be paid for
- [5] with campaign money.
- [6] I think that, in many cases, they serve
- a very valuable purpose. Even if I didn't, I
- believe those ads have every right to run, but
- they are really not issue ads; they are campaign [9]
- [10] ads.
- That is why the word sham is put in [11]
- front of them. They are used just before an [12]
- [13] election. They are used to influence the
- [14] election, but because they don't use the magic
- [15] words, vote for or vote against, you are then
- [16] allowed to use this incredible loophole of money,
- [17] corporate money and union dues money.
- [18] So, I view sham issue ads as really

- [19] campaign ads that use corporate money and dues
- [20] money.
- When you say these campaign ads are
- posing as issues ads if you accept that

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- [1] characterization of your thought and should be
- paid for with campaign money, what do you mean
  - when you say campaign money?
- A. Well, let's just kind of review this.
- We have a 1907 law that says no
- corporate treasury money in campaigns; a 1947 law
- that says no union dues money in campaigns; and a
- [8] 1974 law that was ultimately adjudicated in the
- Supreme Court, the Buckley case. In there, the
- Buckley case determined you could limit what [10]
- [11] individuals contribute, but you cannot limit what
- [12] they spend.
- Regretfully, the Federal Elections [13]
- Commission introduced this concept of issue ads [14]
- that enabled the political parties to get
- corporate money and union dues money. [16]
- During the very short time I have been [17]
- in Congress, I have seen that loophole eat those
- three laws the 1907 law, the 1947 law, and the
- 1974 law that was adjudicated before the Supreme [20]
- Court in Buckley and it has made a mockery of
- the 1907 law and the 1947 law and the 1974 law.

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- What the FEC allowed basically is --
- [2] corporate money to come back into campaigns, union
- [3] " dues money to come back into campaigns, and
- unlimited sums by individuals. That is what the
- FEC allowed.
- The primary focus and purpose of our
- law is to restore that 1907 law, enforce the law
- that bans corporate money, enforce the law that
- bans union dues money, and enforce the law that
- says you can limit what people can contribute, but
- not what they spend. That is the intent of the [11]
- [12] law, and I think we achieved it.
- Q. When you say, in connection with those [13] laws, when you use the term campaign money, are [14]
- you referring to money contributed to an [15]
- organization such as here, the NRA, to its PAC, 1161
- within the limits that are prescribed by law? [17]
- 1181 Is that what you are referring to?
- [19] A. Let me put it in my own words because I didn't quite understand your explanation. [20]
  - Sure, please. Q.
  - Soft money is corporate money, treasury

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- [1] money, unlimited union dues money.
- I might just say parenthetically that
- union dues money is money individuals have to
- contribute to their union, and regretfully, it is
- used in campaigns even when union members don't
- necessarily support the candidate. I felt very
- strongly this was wrong, just as I felt the
- corporate treasury money is wrong and so did so

[21]

[22]

- many of my colleagues, but that is the law.
- The 1907 law bans corporate money. The
- 1947 bans union dues money, and the 1974 law bans
- unlimited sums from individuals. So, that is soft [12]
- money this corporate money, this union dues [13]
- money, and the unlimited sums from individuals. [14]
- The hard money is what I refer to as [15]
- campaign money. It is limited by law, and there [16]
- are two parts what individuals can contribute [17]
- to political parties and what they can contribute [18]
- to political action committees. [19]
- I will say to you, at one time, I
- thought political action committees was where the
- problem was. I realized that is not where the

- [1] problem is. That is a constitutional right of any
- [2] interest group, to be able to contribute and focus
- [3] their interests and be able to argue their
- [4] interests. They do that in a voluntary process
- [5] called a political action committee.
- [6] Therefore, say, in your organization,
- the Political Victory Fund it is a political
- [8] action committee individuals can contribute up
- to \$5,000 to that PAC, and they do it voluntarily.
- Then the NRA, through its political action
- committee, can express its view in a very
- [12] important way as a very important and respected
- special interest. [13]
- Q. Have you had any experience as a [14]
- [15] candidate with genuine issue ads?
- A. You will have to define genuine. [16]
- Q. You have defined for me what you [17]
- consider to be a sham issue ad. [18]
- Do you believe there is any such thing
- as a genuine issue ad?
- A. First off, I just want to make sure
- that when we use the word genuine, it doesn't mean

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- [1] something to you and something different to
- someone else. [2]
- Q. I could not agree more. [3]
- A. I am not sure how we are going to [4]
- resolve that [5]
- I have made the point that I believe a
- sham issue ad is an ad that is designed to
- circumvent the 1907 law banning corporate treasury
- money and the 1947 law banning union dues money
- and the 1974 law that requires people to either [10]
- contribute individually to a limit or contribute [11]
- to a political action committee. [12]
- When I use the term sham issue ad and [13]
- [14] when I see it expressed, it can be a very
- important message, but it is a message designed to [15]
- influence the election. It is truly a campaign ad [16]
- [17] without using the words vote for or vote against.
- It can be very genuine. It can be very [18]
- heart felt, and it should be run, but don't
- circumvent the 1907 law and 1947 law. Use that
- hard money that is in the 1974 law to express your

very genuinely heart felt feelings. [22]

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- Have you ever used the term true issue [1]
- ad? [2]
- I don't know: I don't know if I have or [3]
- not. [4]
- [5] Do you believe that any advertisement
- that is paid for from corporate treasury funds or 161
- union treasury funds that relates to an issue of [7]
- public policy is a sham issue ad? [8]
- A. Well, if it is not designed to [9]
- influence the defeat or victory of a candidate; [10]
- but if its purpose is to defeat a candidate or to
- elect a candidate, I would call it a campaign ad,
- and it should be run, but with campaign dollars. [13]
- [14] Q. Accepting that definition of a true
- issue ad or what I have called a genuine issue ad, [15]
- have you had any experience with an issue ad?
- [17] A. If you are asking this question, if
- [18] there is an issue -
- [19] MR. WITTEN: Let him finish.
  - THE WITNESS: I'm sorry; I apologize.
- [20] [21] Could you repeat your question. I
- [22] apologize.

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#### BY MR. COOPER:

- I am trying to find out, Congressman,
- [3] if you have had any experience with an ad that one
- could call an issue ad that was not a sham, that
- was a true issue ad; that, in your judgment, did
- not qualify as a sham issue ad that should be
- banned by your legislation, by BCRA.
- A. First off, I need to correct one thing,
- and I am really happy to have this opportunity.
- We don't ban any ads.
- When you introduced yourself as working
- for the NRA and also representing the Political
- Victory Fund PAC, I didn't even know the NRA had [13] a
- PAC which really, to me, is very important because
- the NRA has gone around saying it has been
- prevented from expressing its voice and its
- interest because of our law and our law, I mean [17]
- the nearly 250 members of Congress who voted for
- it in The House; our law meaning the law the President signed into law, my Republican
- [21] President.
- We don't ban any ads, and I have found

- it pretty outrageous the NRA would even suggest
- that. We have simply said you cannot use [2]
- corporate treasury money and union dues money. (3)
- I believe the NRA has over 4 million [4]
- members. If the NRA got its members to contribute
- voluntarily and that is, I think, an important
- thing to say because that is what it is, you [7]
- cannot force them to but to voluntarily contribute to its political action committee, if
- you had four million members and you raised \$10,

- [11] you would have \$40 million to spend 30 days to an
- election in a primary and 60 days to a general f12)
- election, 40 million. 1131
- If your membership is nearly five [14]
- [15], million, as some think it is, then you would have
- \$50 million. So, we don't ban any ads. We don't
- prevent anyone's voice from being heard, but if it
- is a campaign ad, we simply say it has to be paid
- for with campaign money, hard dollar money. [19]
- Q. I take it you don't think there is [20]
- [21] anything wrong at all with the ads, including ads
- [22] that otherwise could be characterized as sham

- [1] issue ads, run and paid for by a political action committee?
- [2]
- A. I think a political action committee, 131 first off, I don't think there is anything wrong
- [4]
- with any ads being run at any time, but if it is a
- campaign ad, it needs to be paid for with campaign
- dollars. ולו

[12]

- So, 60 days to an election or 30 days [8]
- to a primary, any ads the NRA would run, would be
- [10] run, I would think, out of its Political Victory
- [11] Fund if that is its PAC.
  - Q. You would have no objection to that?
- A. Absolutely not. **[13]**
- [14] I need to emphasize this point: I
- [15] believe every interest has a right to be heard.
- [16] and I believe it is important they make sure their
- voice is heard. I just object to, as I think
- [18] other members do, corporate treasury money and
- [19] union dues money being introduced into campaign
- ads when they were illegal since 1907 and 1947. [20]
- That is really what we tried to clarify
- to enforce those laws that I think have been

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- upheld constitutionally.
- Q. I think in June of this year, you
- called for the Federal Election Commission, the [3]
- Commissioners of the Federal Election Commission [4]
- to resign. 151

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- Do you recall that? 161
  - Yes. A.
    - Why did you call for their resignation?
- Because I believe commissioners who
- [10] work for the government have an obligation to
- [11] enforce the law.
- [12] I am a Republican, I was at a
- [13] Republican conference. Let me also say these
- [14] commissioners have a responsibility to, in some
- [15] measure, adjudicate I am using that term as a
- [16] nonlawyer but they can decide the fate of
- political candidates by their decisions.
- [18] They actively, two of those members
- [19] actively involved themselves in the defeat of
- [20] legislation before the House of Representatives.
- [21] I thought that was a misuse of their power, and I
- [22] thought they were being used by one party, my own
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- [1] party, and so I did think they should.
- I also believe the members of the
- Federal Election Commission have gone out of their
- way to make the law not work instead of do what I
- think they should do, and that is to make it work.
- It is only confirmed by how I have seen them start
- to take our law and implement it.
- Having said that, I think they should
- have resigned. That is just my opinion, and I (91
- express my opinion. I don't know-if I am right
- [11] about it, but that is what I thought.
  - Q. Your co-intervenor in this case.
- [12] Senator McCain, recently characterized the members [13]
- of the FEC as corrupt or perhaps he characterized
- the institution itself as corrupt. I don't want [15]
- to mischaracterize what he said. I, frankly, [16]
- (17) don't recall. He used the word corrupt to
- [18] describe the -
- A. What would you like to know how I [19]
- feel? [20]
- Q. Yes. You have asked my question. [21]
- [22] Do you agree with that opinion?

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- A. First off, I don't know what he said,
- [2] so I am not going to comment on anything Senator
- [3] McCain said.
- [4] I believe the FEC's decision to allow
- [5] corporate treasury money to be used in campaigns
- and union dues money to be used in campaigns has
- corrupted the process. I think we all get tainted
- by it, and I have tremendous regrets of what I
- have seen over the last few years.
- Corporate treasury money is just [10]
- doubling every few years in my own time in [11]
- Congress, I saw it where it was hardly a factor -[12]
- and I think the corporate treasury money and the
- [14] union dues money have weakened the parties.
- I think they have weakened the parties. [15]
- I think they have helped to corrupt the system, [16]
- and I think it is to the detriment of our [17]
- democracy. That is what I believe. That is what [18]
- motivated me.
- I want to make this point to you: I am
- a Member of Congress. I have constituents. In a
- 1997 questionnaire, I asked this question. The [22]

- question was whether they strongly agreed, agreed,
- no opinion, disagreed, or strongly disagreed.
- In my 1997 questionnaire, I made this
- statement: Our democracy is threatened by the
- influence of unlimited campaign contributions by
- individuals, corporations, labor unions, other
- interest groups?
- Strongly agree, 51.7; agreed, [8]
- 32.5 percent; 84.2 percent of my constituents who
- responded to this questionnaire and I think [10]
- there were about 13,000 who responded they 1111
- strongly agreed or agree that our democracy is [12]
- threatened by the influence of unlimited campaign

- contributions by individuals, corporations, labor [14]
- unions, and other interest groups.
- [16] In my 1999 questionnaire, we asked the
- [17] same question: Strongly agree, 55.3 percent;
- [18] agreed, 27.5 percent. If my math is correct,
- [19] 82.8 percent of my constituents who responded to
- [20] my questionnaire said our democracy is threatened
- [21] by the influence of unlimited campaign
- [22] contributions by individuals, corporations, labor

- [1] unions, and other interest groups.
- That is what 82 percent of my
- constituents agree, and I agree with them. I
- agree with my constituents.
- O. Congressman Shays, do you believe the [5]
- Members of the Commission, the Federal Election [6]
- Commission you have earlier referenced are [7]
- corrupt? [8]
- A. I believe the members of this [9]
- [10] commission are good people, well-meaning people
- who disagree with the position of the majority of
- the Members of Congress.
- [13] I believe, sadly, their disagreement
- [14] with the majority of the Members of Congress has
- [15] resulted in their taking the law we passed and not
- [16] abiding by it faithfully. I would not call that
- [17] corruption. I would call it such a heart felt
- [18] opposition to the law they are entrusted to
- [19] enforce.
- [20] I believe the previous commissions have
- [21] allowed the loophole of soft money to swallow up
- [22] the 1907 law banning corporate treasury money and

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- [1] the 1947 law banning union dues money and the 1974
- [2] law that limited campaign contributions and
- [3] established political action committees so people
- [4] could express their will. This soft money has
- [5] eaten up the law.
- [6] Are they corrupt? I don't think they
- [7] are corrupt. Do I sometimes feel they are and
- want to say it? Yes, probably in a weaker moment,
- [9] but in fact, I don't think they are corrupt.
- Q. In intervening in this case, you filed [10]
- [11] a declaration.
- [12] Do you recall that?
- A. Let me say I filed a number of [13]
- [14] declarations.
- [15] They are very technical. When I read
- [16] them through, I knew what our intent was; but I
- [17] would have a hard time taking the words and
- [18] telling you how they get translated. I am a
- [19] legislator, and I think I am a darn good one, but
- [20] I am not a lawyer.
- O. With that caveat, and I have got the [21]
- [22] declaration here if you would like to look at it,

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- [1] but -
- I am not sure it would do me much good. [2] [3]
  - If at any point it would, just let me

[4] know.

[5]

[18]

- Sure.
- By the way, I guess I didn't make this [6]
- [7] clear at the beginning, obviously, any time you
- want to take a break, just let me know. I think
- it would typically be my practice to try do that,
- a short break every hour or so. [10]
- A. Mr. Cooper, you didn't have to do that. [11]
- You are a very gracious man. You have given me [12]
- time to respond to the questions, and I appreciate [13]
- your thoughtfulness. Let me just say I consider
- this a very important process and one that I am
- proud that my country has, and I am proud that
- both sides respect this process. [17]
  - Q. I think that is something we all agree on even if the specifics of this case, or some of
- [19] them anyway, divide us. [20]
- [21] In paragraph four of your initial
- declaration that I referenced, you make the

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- following statement:
- (Reading) If any of the campaign
- finance reforms embodied in the Act are struck
- down, I will be forced once again to raise money,
- [5] campaign, and attempt to discharge any
- responsibilities in a system that is widely
- perceived to be and I believe, in many respects,
- is significantly corrupted by the influence of
- special interest money (end reading).
- [10] Do you recall that statement?
- A. I don't recall those particular words, [11]
- but if it is in it, then I certainly recognize [12]
- that it is part of the statement we submitted, but [13]
- I agree with it. [14]

[15]

- Q. Let me ask this: If you prevail, you
- and your colleagues and the government prevail in [16] defending all of the provisions of BCRA, all the
- reforms embodied in the Act, would it be true to say that you won't be forced to raise money,
- [20] campaign, and attempt to discharge your
- [21] responsibilities in a system that is widely
- [22] perceived to be, and in many respects is,

- [1] significantly corrupted by the influence of
- [2] special interest money?
- A. I guess I need to make the point now
- [4] that we dealt with the worst of what we saw. I am
- [5] not suggesting we dealt with everything that some
- [6] felt we should have dealt with, so I am sure there
- [7] will be some people who feel special interests
- [8] have an undue influence. I think that will always
- [9] be the case.
- [10] I want you to know that I believe
- [11] special interests not just give the appearance of
- [12] having an undue influence. I believe they have, in
- [13] fact, drowned out the voices of individual
- [14] Americans, I believe that based on my own
- [15] experience.
- [16] You said if our bill is, in fact,

- [17] deemed to be constitutional in every respect and
- [18] it is implemented in every respect; I will say we
- [19] will still have some challenge with the FEC
- [20] because we think they are writing law instead of
- [21] writing regulation.
- [22] I would just make reference to the fact

- [1] of how much the loophole has resulted in a
- [2] distortion, the loophole of soft money, in the
- [3] political process. At one time, corporate
- [4] treasury money and union dues money were
- [5] insignificant. It has become so significant that
- [6] both political parties have become addicted to it,
- [7] and they don't know how to give it up.
- [8] So, I think the real question is: What
- [9] happens if our law doesn't take effect? The
- [10] amount of money in soft money in this last race,
- [11] in the presidential cycle, of nearly \$500 million,
- [12] I think four years from now, it could be a
- [13] billion. I think four years from then, it could
- [14] maybe double that.
- [15] To a corporation that is looking to
- [16] influence the legislative process, a million
- [17] dollars is a small amount of investment for
- [18] something that potentially could be worth
- [19] billions.
- [20] Now having said that, I have had some
- [21] businessmen say to me the public thinks that
- [22] corporations are buying off the legislative

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- 1] process, but frankly, some of us in the private
- [2] sector think we are being shaken down for money.
- [3] I have had some members of the business
- [4] community say do you know what it is like when the
- [5] Speaker of the House or the Minority Leader or any
- [6] other leader is calling up asking for a large
- [7] corporate contribution? They say it is very
- [8] awkward at least, whoever is the leadership.
- [9] So, my fear is that this won't become
- [10] law, and that years from now, you will see just
- [11] unbelievable amounts of money. I think it is
- [12] embarrassing that Enron gave a million dollars to
- [13] the Democrats for 1995 and 2001 and that they gave
- [14] 2.9 million to Republicans.
- [15] My fear is that the next decade, that
- [16] could be 10 million. It is corporate treasury
- [17] money and union dues money, not monies that have
- [18] been decided by individuals. So, I fear this
- [19] corrupting process.
- [20] Let me make another point to you. When
- [21] I was first elected, I was not asked to raise this
- [22] money. Now, I am asked to raise it. I am asked

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- [1] to call CEOs of companies or their representatives
- [2] in Washington and say will you give us a corporate
- [3] check or will you give us a union dues check. I
- [4] had personal experience this last time around.
- [5] Having helped pass this law, there was
- [6] the Senate House fundraiser that I think raised

- about \$30 million. I was asked to raise money. I
- [8] said I would be happy to, but I cannot raise soft
- [9] money. I said give me a list of people you would
- [10] like me to call; I would be happy to call them and
- [11] ask for a hard money contribution.
- [12] When I got there, I opened the folder,
- [13] and to the best of my recollection, it was all
- [14] soft money. I thought well, if I make these phone
- [15] calls, I will have become part of problem; but if [16] I don't make these phone calls, I won't have done
- [17] my part to help my party, which I care about.
- [18] So, I sat in the room for about a half
- [19] an hour thinking what the heck do I do. Then I
- 20] got out, and I said I am going raise for you
- [21] 25,000, but it is going to be individual
- [22] contributions or contributions through a political

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- [1] action committee, hard money.
- [2] I knew I would have to do it that way
- [3] because I think that way is far more preferable
- [4] than the corporate money or the union dues money.
- [5] Q. In what ways would raising the soft
- [6] money as you have just described, if you had
- [7] actually appealed for the soft money, in what ways
- [8] would that have corrupted you?
- [9] A. In what ways do I think it corrupts all
  - O. Yes.

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- [12] A. Because the money is large and it is
  - unlimited and it is; in my judgment, against the law.
- [14] law.[15] It has been against the law since 1907,
- and I believe that, even though the FEC has
- [17] allowed this, I believe the intent has become so
- [18] distorted. It was for educational purposes. It
- [19] was not to help defeat or elect a candidate.
- [20] There is no one in Congress that I know
- [21] of who will tell you that when we raise this
- [22] money, it is for educational purposes. We all

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- [1] know it is to be used to help our colleagues who
- [2] are in trouble to defeat a person who is running
- [3] against a Republican, in my case, or to help elect
- [4] them. We all know it. There is not a person in [5] Congress who doesn't know it. Yet, it has been
- [6] against the law since 1907.
- [7] Now, I am using corporate treasury
- [8] money because that is mostly what Republicans seem
- [9] to do. The Democrats get corporate money and they
- [10] get union dues money.
- [11] I am outraged that my wife, when she
- [12] was in Connecticut, was a member the CEA, and her
- [13] money that she gave -
  - Q. What is that?
  - A. The Connecticut Education Association,
- [16] and she was a member of the New Canaan Education
- [17] Association.
- [18] She paid dues, and some of her union
- 19] dues were used to help the Democratic candidate

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- [20] for Governor. It was not a Federal election. I
- was up for election at the same time as the State
- Representative. [22]

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- [1] Her money was used to help a Democrat
- who she opposed. She supported a candidate named
- Leroe (phonetic). What she had to do was go to [3]
- her union and basically tell them she didn't want [4]
- her union dues money. What happened, because of
- the law, was she had to leave the union, her union
- dues money, and she had to pay an agency fee. [7]
- It has always been eating at me that [8]
- her union dues money was used to help an opponent [9]
- who she opposed, who I opposed, and who, in the
- process of using her money, was helping the [11]
- candidate who was on the same election cycle. [12]
- So, I have always thought about this 1131
- and thought if I had a chance, I would want dearly
- to make sure we enforce the 1907 law and the 1947
- law and make sure no union member has to see his
- union dues money go to a candidate they oppose.
- [17]
- Now, if that union wants to help a [18]
- particular candidate, have a political action [19]
- committee and ask the members to voluntarily give. (201
- [21] My wife would not have objected if they had done
- that in Connecticut. She would not have given to [22]

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- [1] that political action committee.
- [2] I am going to just say to you one of
- the things that has astounded me about my own
- [4] Republican Party. They say they want union dues
- money to be voluntary, but they voted against a
- [6] law, excuse me, union dues money not to be
- voluntarily; I want to say it correctly. [7]
- They said no one should be forced to
- [9] give to a candidate through union dues they
- [10] oppose, but when they had a chance to vote for a
- [11] bill some of my colleagues, particularly my
- [12] leadership that would have carried out that
- [13] wish and enforced the 1907 law, amazingly, some of
- [14] my Republicans voted against it. It is just
- [15] something I have a hard time wrestling with.
- Q. Congressman, I take it from your answer [16]
- [17] that the corrupting influence of corporate or
- [18] union treasury money is that it is unlike PAC
- [19] money because it is not contributed to the
- corporate treasury or the union treasury by the
- [21] donor for the specific purpose of political
- [22] activity.

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- [1] Is that a fair -
- [2] A. And it is unlimited.
  - O. And it is unlimited?
- And it is unlimited. [4]
- [5] So, for people in a corporation, it was
- [6] not voluntarily. For people in unions, it was not
- voluntary. They were forced to have their money
- used, and it was unlimited. The unlimited part is
- the most alarming because the million dollar

- [10] contribution from a corporation, if our law
- [11] doesn't pass, could be 20 million in the time to
- [12] come. I will say one more thing: The larger the
- [13] amount is, the more impact it has.
  - Q. The more impact on what?
  - A. On the legislative process.
- That is why we passed the Campaign Act [16]
- of 1974. We believed, and that happened before I [17]
- was elected, there was a general recognition that
- individual limited contribution would be less
- likely to corrupt the process, but unlimited
- amounts would begin to corrupt the process, both
- in appearance and in actual fact.

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- O. How do the restrictions with respect to Electioneering Communications in the BCRA -
  - May I give the full title? A.
  - 0.
- [4] It is the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Α. 151
- Act: is that correct? 161
  - Q. Yes.
  - A. It is the Bipartisan Campaign Reform
- Act that was passed in the House of
- Representatives on a bipartisan basis, in the
- Senate on a bipartisan basis, and signed by the
- President and became law. [12]
- O. How do the restrictions in BCRA on [13]
- [14] Electioneering Communications eliminate actual or perceived corruption? [15]
- A. First off, you call them restrictions, [16]
- and I would define them differently.
- What we did is say if you ran an ad
- 60 days to an election and 30 days before a
- primary, you needed to use campaign money and you
- could not use corporate treasury money and union
  - dues money. That is what we said.

- Q. How do those provisions eliminate
- actual or perceived corruption?
- A. First off, I am sure you are always
- going to have some perceived corruption and you
- may even have actual corruption in politics. I
- think that is always a possibility.
- What we did is we took out the worst
- abuse. The worst abuses were the unlimited sums
- from corporations and unions. So, we introduced
- the fact that this would have to be voluntary
- money; if you worked in a corporation, you could
- give to a political action committee. It was
- voluntary.
- If you had stock in a company and you
- wanted to give to that political action committee,
- I think you probably could have done that
- voluntarily, but it was limited. If you were a
- member of a union, you could give to the political
- action committee of the union.
- If you were a member of the NRA, you
- could give to its Political Victory Fund
- voluntarily, and whatever they raised, they could

- [1] spend in the election.
- [2] That provision that we clid, in my
- [3] judgment, is merely enforcing the 1907 law and the
- [4] 1947 law and the 1974 law. So, we are going back
- [5] to the 1974 law.
- [6] It gets Members of Congress and this
- [7] was important out of the business of asking
- [8] people who run companies for large corporate
- [9] treasury money and people who run unions, asking
- [10] them for large amounts of union dues money in
- campaigns. It gets us out of that business which
- [12] is, I think, one of the major efforts of this
- [13] bipartisan campaign reform bill.
- Q. Congressman, in connection with this [14] [15] case, you have and your intervenor colleagues have [16] provided some Answers to Interrogatories. I want to ask you a few questions about those answers.
- [17] A. Sure. [18]

[22] ---

- MR. COOPER: In that connection, I will [19] [20] ask the court reporter to mark this document as an
- [21] exhibit to the deposition.

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- (Whereupon a document was marked as 111 Shays Deposition Exhibit Number 1.) [2]
- [3] BY MR. COOPER: [4]
- [5] Q. Do you recognize that document, Congressman? ឲោ
- A. No, I don't recognize the document: [7] I mean I would have to read the whole [8]
- document through, but if you have particular parts, I would be happy to any to answer them.
- Q. For purposes of the record, the [11] [12] document -
  - A. Let me say I recognize my signature.
- [13] [14] The Congressman is pointing to his
- [15] signature on the document marked as Exhibit 1, I
- take it, to this deposition. The document is
- entitled Intervenors Responses to Contention
- [18] Interrogatories.
- A. You are going to have to explain. Not [19]
- being an attorney, I looked at and signed a number
- of documents, but it is somewhat Greek to me. So.
- you are going to have to walk me through any of

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- the parts you want to question me on. [1]
- [2] Q. That is what I will do. Obviously, if
- [3] you have any questions or need clarification,
- [4] don't hesitate to ask. I want to direct your
- attention to page 5 of the document, in
- particular, the response to the interrogatory that [6]
- [7] is NAB interrogatory number two.
- A. I am going to read this whole -- do you [8]
- want me to read all of two? 191
  - Q. I would be delighted if you would.
- Now, I am going to read it out loud **f111** Α.
- just to make sure I understand it.

- [13] (Reading) NAB Interrogatory Number Two
- [14] Identify in detail each governmental purpose or
- [15] interest that Congress sought to advance in
- [16] enacting, it says, BCRA's restrictions on
- [17] Electioneering Communication so as to apply to
- [18] broadcast cable or satellite communication, but
- not to apply to communications in print such as
- [20] newspapers or magazines.
- [21] Response: Subject to the objections
- above and without waiving any of the them -

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- Are those legal terms?
- Q. Yes. [2]
- [3] A. - Intervenors state that as an
- examination of the legislative history
- demonstrates, there are many governmental
- interests that justify the BCRA restrictions on [6]
- Electioneering Communication. [7]
- These interests include, but are not [8]
- limited to, preventing the circumvention and
- evasion of existing campaign finance reform laws
- including, but not limited to the Federal
- Elections Campaign Act and the Presidential
- Election Campaign Fund Act, while ensuring that [13]
- candidates have ample opportunity to campaign
- effectively and to communicate their message to
- [16] the electorate (end reading).
- [17] Q. May I interrupt for a moment -
- Sure. [18] A.
- [19] - just to alert-you I intend to ask 0.
- [20] you some questions about the next number two
- response to this interrogatory. I would prefer,
- but I don't insist, that when you have finished

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- reading this response, I ask you those questions.
- Then perhaps we will go on.
- MR. WITTEN: I would like you to read
- [4] the whole - read it to yourself or out loud -
- response. ısı
- THE WITNESS: I was going to do that. [6]
- [7] (Reading) 2. Prevent the actual and
- apparent corruption that results from the
- expenditures of large sums of money on broadcast
- cable and satellite advertisements that have an
- [11] impact on elections.
- 3. Providing voters with increased
- [13] information about who is paying for the broadcast
- [14] cable and satellite advertisements that have an
- [15] impact on elections.
- [16] 4. Restoring America's faith in the
- [17] electoral process and decreasing public cynicism
- [18] about our system of government.
- [19] 5. Preventing the corruption and
- [20] appearance of corruption that result when
- [21] corporations and unions spend substantial sums
- [22] from their treasuries to influence the outcome of

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- [1] elections.
- [2] 6. Advancing governmental interest

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[17]

- [3] underlying those restrictions by targeting the [4] most acute problems identified by Congress. See
- "Buckley versus Valeo" (end reading).
- [6] Before you ask your question again.
- [7] just explain to me the italicized. Is that a
- question that is asked by you to us?
- MR. COOPER: It was asked by the [9]
- [10] National Association of Broadcasters of another
- party in this case. [11]
- THE WITNESS: Then this is the response [12]
- that I have signed to? [13]
- MR. COOPER: Yes, it is. [14]
- THE WITNESS: I am comfortable with the [15]
- [16] response that I have signed to.
- MR. COOPER: Very well. [17]
- BY MR. COOPER: [18]
- Q. I want to, again, focus your attention [19]
- on the response that is number two there and,
- again, effectively, the answer says (reading)
- There are many governmental interests that justify

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- [1] the BCRA restrictions on Electioneering
- Communications. [2]
- These interests include 2. Preventing [3]
- the actual or apparent corruption that results [4]
- from the expenditures of large sums of money on [5]
- broadcast, cable, and satellite advertisements 161
- that have an impact on elections (end reading). [7]
- What actual corruption results from -[8]
- A. The first part, when you said 191
- restrictions, where do I see the word [10]
- restrictions? [11]
- Q. Did I say restrictions instead of [12]
- expenditures? [13]
- A. You said restrictions. [14]
- [15] MR. SHAFFER: The third line down from
- Response, if you look there -1161
- THE WITNESS: I am looking at two. [17]
- Am I responding to two? I am just [18]
- [19] trying to understand.
- [20] MR. COOPER:
- [21] THE WITNESS: Could you ask your
- [22] question again?

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- MR. COOPER: Yes. [1]
- [2] I am simply reading the response
- beginning after the first clause -
- THE WITNESS: I see. [4]
- MR. COOPER: (reading) There are [5]
- many governmental interests that justify BCRA
- restrictions on Electioneering Communications (end
- [8]
- THE WITNESS: Thank you. [9]
- [10] Your question is? [11]
  - BY MR. COOPER:
- Q. My question is: What actual corruption [12]
- [13] results from the expenditures of large sums of
- [14] money on broadcast, cable, and satellite
- [15] advertisements that have an impact on elections?

- What is the actual corruption? [16]
  - A. I think I have already answered that.
- My answer was we have a law that was [18]
- passed in 1907 that sought to take away the
- corrupting influence of large corporate
- [21] contributions and the involuntary contributions.
- We have a law in 1947 that sought to take away the

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- [1] corrupting influence of large union dues money
- [2] that was not voluntarily given.
- [3] The decision by the FEC to allow
- [4] corporate money and union dues money for
- educational purposes became corrupted because it
- got into more than just educating. It came into
- the process of trying to influence elections.
- They became campaign ads.
- [9] What I said earlier is Members of
- Congress, in order to pay for these ads, are
- [11] having to turn to corporations and unions and ask
- for large sums of money. I believe the larger the [12]
- sums of money that are raised from these [13]
- interests, the more you have both the perception [14]
- and the actual reality of distorting the [15]
- legislative process. [16]
- That is why we passed the 1907 law. [17]
- That is why we passed the 1947 law, and that is [18]
- why we passed the 1974 law. All we are trying to
- do is just get those three laws back in operation
- and overturn what the FEC did in allowing that
- [22] loophole of soft money.

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- Q. Do you believe the expenditure of the
- of large sums of money on broadcast, cable, and
- satellite advertisements by the candidate
- himself -[4]

[7]

[8]

- A. Are you talking about expenditures or [5]
- the contributions? **[6]** 
  - Q. I am talking about ~
  - If you are asking about the
- [9] expenditures -
- [10] MR. WITTEN: Let me let him get his
- [11] question out, please. [12]
  - THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, I get a little
- eager once in a while. [13] [14]
  - BY MR. COOPER:
- Q. I am asking about the statement made in [15]
- [16] the interrogatory which refers to expenditures.
- Again, my question is: Is there actual [17]
- corruption that results from expenditures of large
- sums of money on such ads by the candidate [19]
- himself? [20]

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- [21] A. If a candidate raised hard money, he
  - would have had to have a lot of people contribute

- [1] to that advertisement, and therefore, a lot of
- people are involved. They are basically small
- amounts of contributions.
- What the FEC did was allow for one
- interest potentially to give millions and millions

- of dollars to pay for that ad. So really, when I
- look at expenditure, you also have to then ask how
- was it paid for? How it is paid for becomes the [8]
- issue. [9]
- [10] What we did is not deny any candidate
- [11] the right to have an advertisement or any special
- interest from having an advertisement. That is
- their right; that is their privilege. We just
- made sure it had to be with cumpaign money and not
  - unlimited sums from corporations and labor unions.
- Q. You don't believe any actual corruption
- results from the expenditure of large sums of [17]
- money on such ads by the candidate himself? [18]
- A. I don't think you listened to what I [19] said, and we may not connect in this.
- The fact is The Court has made a
- decision in the Buckley case that we can limit

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- [1] contributions for the appearance and the actual
- fact of corruption, but we cannot limit what is
- spent. We don't limit what is spent. We limit
- how the money is raised. We make sure it is not [4]
- corporate money, not union dues money, and not
- unlimited sums from individuals.
- Q. I understand that, Congressman, but my [7]
- question is: Do you believe there is any actual [8] corruption that results from the expenditure of a 191
- large sum of money on campaign ads by the
- candidate himself? [11]
- A. What do you mean by the candidate :. [12]
- himself? I don't understand what you mean. [13]
- Q. By the candidate's campaign, either out. [14]
- of personal money or out of campaign money as you [15] [16]
- A. You are aware, aren't you, that Members
- [18] of Congress are asked to raise large amounts of
- money from unions and corporations, as much as
- they will give us, for other candidates? You are
- [21] aware of that?
- [22] So, whether it is spent on yourself or

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- [1] spent for another Republican, in my case, we are
- [2] raising money for our colleagues to help them win
- [3] an election and to help make sure we are in the
- majority.
- We just want to make sure it is done
- with campaign money, not corporate money, large
- corporate money, large union dues money, and/or [7]
- unlimited sums from individuals. [8]
- 191 O. In making sure it is done from campaign [10] money, have you eliminated the actual corruption
- [11] that would otherwise result if it was not from
- [12] campaign money?
- [13] A. I think we have taken care of the worst [14] part of the problem clearly. I mean there is a
- [15] big difference between the impact of a \$5,000
- contribution which would be given to a PAC or a \$1,000 contribution that would be given by an
- individual to a candidate and a \$1 million

- contribution.
- There is not a Member of Congress who
- would be able to look at you and tell you that the
- larger the amount of money that is raised, the

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- more they notice it.
- Q. I think I understand the point you have
- just made, but this answer we are dealing with
- references expenditures of large sums of money and
- the corruption, actual and apparent, that results
- from the expenditure of large sums of money.
- A. You have to take it in the context of
- the whole question. There are one, two, three,
- four, five, six. They all go together. They are
- all connected. They are all responding to the f101
- [11] question.
- So, I should understand your answer to [12] this interrogatory as containing the points and [13]
- qualifications you have made? [14]
- [15] A. I don't think I made any qualifications. I think I have been very [16]
- explicit. [17]
- [18] Should I understand this answer to be [19] in light of how you have explained it explicitly?
- A. I am satisfied with my answer. [20]
  - What actual or apparent corruption
- [21] results from the expenditures of large sums of

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- money on such campaign ads by political action
- committees?

[7]

[10]

[11]

- [2] A. I need to be clear. Where have I said ß
- political action committees? Maybe you could get
- me focused. Where are you referring to here? Is
- political action committee mentioned here?
  - Q. There is no limitation on this
- statement. That is what I am probing actually, is
- whether or not this statement -191
  - May I be clear? I want to make sure. Α.
  - Q. Yes.
- Does this refer to the 60 day provision [12] Α.
- and the 30 day provision on broadcast? [13] [14]
  - Q. It does, yes.
- A. We don't prohibit what a political [15]
- action committee can spend on an advertisement.
- [17] Whatever they raise, they can spend 60 days to an
- election or 30 days in the primary. [18]
- [19] In fact, that is one of the strengths
- of our legislation. It nails directly the NRA's [20]
- contention that we somehow have taken away [21]
- people's voice. The NRA can advertise 30 days to

- an election, 60 days to election. They just have
- to use voluntary contributions.
- So, if you didn't have a political
- action committee to turn to, then you might be
- able to make that claim, but we are not doing
- anything to impact what a political action
- committee can do. They can run an ad, and they [7]
- will. [8]

- 191 Q. By running the ad using large sums of [10] money, of hard money, will actual or apparent [11] corruption result from that?
- [12] A. Well, maybe some who don't like the NRA [13] may not be happy about it, and you know, that
- [14] might happen. That will always be, you know,
- people will run ads, and others may not like the
- [16] ads and people will be upset about them; but a
- political action committee is raising small sums of money, and therefore, they are being true to
- the 1974 law, which was determined to be very [19]
- constitutional. [20]
- Congressman, is it fair for me to [21]
- conclude, from that answer and others, that the [22]

- [1] principal source of the actual or perceived
- [2] corruption in the expenditure of large sums of
- [3] money on campaign ads is the unlimited nature of
- the money that flows from these soft money
- sources?
- MR. WITTEN: Congressman, before you 161
- [7] answer the question, I object to its form.
- THE WITNESS: In my process of trying [8]
- to follow it, I want to make sure I understand [9]
- you. So, I am going to ask you to ask it a again,
- and then I might just ask you a question about
- that. Why don't you ask your question again. [12]
- [13] BY MR. COOPER:
- [14] My question was infelicitously put.
- [15] It is simply whether the source of
- actual or perceived corruption is in the unlimited
- nature of soft money expenditures for campaign
- ads, so-called sharn issue ads. [18]
- A. This may be a little longer answer, and [19]
- I hope you find it responsive.
- What is corrupting the political
- process, in my judgment, is that elected officials

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- [1] are being asked to raise large sums of money from
- [2] corporations, labor unions, contrary to the 1907
- [3] law and the 1947 law.
- [4] Those large sums of money show up on
- members' radar screens. They show up particularly
- on our leadership, and I believe those
- corporations that are giving large sums of
- [8] money I believe in some cases, not in every
- [9] instance distort the political process.
- [10] I know for a fact that some legislation
- [11] has not reached the floor because a particular
- [12] interest group that has given large sums of money
- [13] to my own party opposed it. I know that rules
- [14] have been written in the Rules Committee to not
- [15] allow some amendments because interests that have
- [16] given large sums of money to us object to that
- [17] amendment being offered.
- I call that a distortion of the
- political process, and I find it corrupting to the
- political process. I happen to believe the health
- care industry has an undue amount of influence

- with the Republicans, and I believe, in part, it
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- [1] is because of the good sums of money they give.
- [2] I happen to believe I could be wrong
- on all these instances but I happen to believe
- the large sums of money the trial lawyers give to [4]
- the Democratic Party is the reason why we cannot
- get meaningful tort reform through the Senate. I
- believe if we don't change that, it is only going [7]
- to get worse.
- I hope that is responsive to your [9]
- [10] question.
- [11] Q. I appreciate that, and I want to follow
- [12] up on that response.
- Do you believe that anyone in the [13]
- Congress has voted against their conscience on.
- for example, tort reform measures or health care
- measures as a result of the corrupting influence [16]
- [17] of soft money you have described?
- [18] A. Let me say this to you: You are going
- down a road that we are not going to go very far [19]
- down. Do I believe that in the history of
- Congress or even in the time I have been there
- [22] members have not always voted their conscience for

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- [1] a variety of reasons? Yes.
- [2] I think that, on a scale of one to ten.
- [3] some of the finest people I have ever met serve in
- Congress, people I have tremendous respect for;
- [5] but I believe even the finest people can get
- [6] corrupted by this process, and I don't exclude
- myself from that as well.
  - Q. You are not suggesting, I trust, that
- you have voted against your conscience or acted in
- a legislative capacity in a manner that would have
- been otherwise but for the corrupting influence of
- [12] soft money contributions you have described, are
  - you?

[13]

[14]

- Α. I don't think I have.
- [15] Q. Do you believe any of your colleagues
- [16] have in the Congress?
- [17] A. Well, it is a little more subtle than
- [18] that. The leadership can spare you a vote on a
- [19] difficult issue by simply not allowing an [20]
- amendment to be offered on the floor. The leadership can spare you the [21]
- discomfort of having to confront a large financial

- interest by not allowing the bill to reach the
- floor. So, a bill not may reach the floor or if
- it reaches the floor, it may just be decided in a [3]
- way that a member never has to confront that
- process of offending a large financial interest. If you ask me do I think it distorted the process,
- [7] absolutely.
- [8] Q. Do you believe that -
- A. I am going to need a break in about 191
- [10] five minutes.
- [11] Q. Whenever you would like.

12	) <b>A</b> .	How	much	time	has	it	been?

MR. WITTEN: An hour and 20, almost [13]

that. [14]

THE WITNESS: If you don't mind, I [15]

would like to have a five minute break or do you [16]

want to ask your question? I didn't want to

interrupt your question. [18]

MR. COOPER: I can ask the question [19]

just as easily when we come back. Let's take [20]

[21] five.

[22]

(Recess from 10:14 a.m. to 10:27 a.m.)

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#### BY MR. COOPER: [1]

O. Congressman, I take it you believe, and [2] [3] correct me if I am wrong obviously, that if BCRA

[4] had been enacted some years ago, tort reform

[5] legislation and health care legislation such as you referred to earlier would have been enacted by

now in your opinion. [7]

A. I don't know.

[8] I don't know, but it would probably 191

have followed a different process. [10]

Q. You believe the distortions in the political process you described earlier will be

[13] eliminated if the provisions of BCRA survive our challenge? [14]

A. I think we have taken care of the worst-[15]

[16] problems, but there are always going to beproblems. I mean it would be false for me to

[18] imply there would not be. There will always be

problems. [19]

Q. When you say problems, you mean these [20]

[21] distortions in the political process you have

described. Those won't necessarily be eliminated

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[1] I take it.

When you have large sums of money from [2] Α.

[3] corporations and unions and from individuals, it

would only get worse if our law didn't pass. I

[5] think however bad the system is today, it would

only get worse without our bill.

There is nothing, when you look at the

numbers, there is nothing to make you feel like

corporations are going to give less. They keep

[10] giving more and more and more, and they feel they

[11] have to be players in this process.

[12] I have had individuals tell me they

[13] feel they have to participate and give large

corporate money to compete with their competition. [14]

O. If you put the large soft money [15]

donations to the side and focus on the sharn issue [16]

ads for a moment, do you believe the phenomenon of

[18] sham issue ads as you have described it also

[19] results in the distortions in the political

[20] process you have described?

A. I need to make sure we are talking [21]

about the same thing, so let me ask you this.

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[1] What we have done in our legislation is to enforce

- [2] the 1907 law banning corporate treasury money and
- [3] the 1947 law banning union dues money and to
- [4] negate what the Federal Election Commissions did
- [5] when it introduced soft money.
- 161 Now, soft money can show itself in two
- [7] primary ways. One is large contributions to the
- [8] political parties, and another way is through
- these large expenditures of money, corporate money
- [10] and union dues money in advertisements.
- [11] So, we needed to deal with both what a
- [12] party raises and what happens with these large
- expenditures on radio and TV from corporations and
- unions. So, that is what we did. We took care of [14]

[15] those two issues.

Q. How is it sham issue ads and the 1161

expenditures from corporate and union treasuries [17]

on the sham issue ads result in the distortions in [18] [19] the political process you have described?

[20] A. First off, Members of Congress have to

[21] raise those monies in some instances, and I have already gone through that. [22]

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- [1] The 1907 law was to get corporations
- out of campaigns and to allow individuals to
- participate. The 1947 law was to get union dues
- money out of campaigns and let the individuals
- contribute. So, that is what our law does. It
- enforces those two laws. ឲោ
- Q. My question though, Congressman, is how [7]
- [8] is it that the airing of sham issue ads that are
- paid for with corporate treasury funds or union
- dues results in the distortions in the political [10]
- [11] process you have described?
- A. I guess I am having a hard time [12]
- understanding how I have not been responsive to [13]
- that question, so you will have to explain it to 1141
- me a little better. I feel like I am saying the [15]
- [16] same thing over and over again, and somehow we are
- [17] not connecting.
- Q. Perhaps so, and I apologize to the [18]
- extent I have not -[19]
- [20] A. I feel I have given the answer to your
- question. I don't know how I can say it [21]
- differently. [22]

- Q. You described a series of techniques I
- will call it by which the political process can be
- distorted. I think your word was distorted. You [3]
- attributed those distortions to, as I understood
- your response, large corporate soft money contributions. I didn't understand you to
- attribute those distortions to the airing of sham [7]
- issue ads.
- I am asking if, one, you believe those
- distortions are brought about in any way by the [10]
- airing of sham issue ads as well. [11]
- [12] A. I think I understand your question
- [13] better. I think I can be a little more responsive
- [14] to it.

[6]

- [15] You can ask a union to contribute to
- [16] the Democratic Party. Let's for the sake of it,
- [17] no offense to the Democratic Party, but let's take
- [18] them since they are more likely to get a union
- [19] dues contribution.
- [20] A union can give, say, a half a million
- [21] dollars to the DNC or the Democratic Congressional
- [22] Campaign Committee solicited by a Member of

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- [1] Congress. That Member of Congress can say you can
- [2] help our candidate by running an ad for him. You
- [3] have the same effect and the same relationship.
- [4] So, the union runs an ad for that candidate.
- [5] There is really no difference whether
- [6] it was raised and given to the party or whether it
- was spent on behalf of the Democratic candidate.
- [8] It is still the same impact, and you still have
- [9] the same obligation that exists of recognizing
- [10] that happened.
- [11] Q. Do you think that would also be true if
- [12] there had been no coordination whatsoever between
- [13] the candidate and union and the union had -
- [14] entirely independently of the candidate or of the
- [15] party in much the way you earlier described the
- [16] Sierra Club's efforts on your behalf -
- [17] independently aired sham issue ads?
- [18] A. It just gets us back to the 1974 law.
- [19] When the 1974 law was passed, it was passed to
- [20] recognize that campaign ads should have not
- [21] unlimited sums, not unlimited sums of
- [22] contribution.

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- [1] The Supreme Court has said if a lot of
- [2] people want to participate in that advertisement,
- [3] that is fine; you can limit what people
- [4] contribute, but not what they spend.
- [5] So, I believe in the 1974 law, and I
- [6] hope the Supreme Court does as well.
- [7] Q. Are you aware of any distortions in the
- [8] political process you think were the result of the
- [9] airing of sham issue ads?
- [10] A. Candidly, I am more aware of how the
- [11] process is distorted.
- [12] The answer, I would have to say, is
- [13] this: That whether it is a sham issue ad or money
- [14] donated to the parties, the parties recognize they
- [15] are being supported by that interest group and
- [16] they are well aware of how much is contributed to
- [17] the party and then how much is spent on the
- [18] party's behalf for their candidate.
- [19] So, I don't really see any difference,
- [20] and that is partly the point. That is my answer.
- [21] Q. You have made a number of references to
- [22] the laws that preceded the enactment of BCRA, in

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- [1] particular, the 1907 law, the 1947 law, and the
- [2] 1974 law.
- [3] None of those laws limited in any way
- [4] the expenditure on advertising, political

- [5] advertising of any kind, individuals, did they?
  - A. You know, I don't know.
- [7] Q. Well, your testimony has been confined
- [8] thus far to expenditures of money on sham issue
- [9] ads, campaign ads, as you have called them, by
- 10] corporations through corporate funds and union
- [11] dues.
- [12] Do you believe there is actual or
- [13] perceived corruption that results when an
- [14] individual spends substantial sums of money,
- [15] personal money, to influence the outcome of an
- [16] election?
- [17] A. We have to live within the confines of
- [18] the Buckley case. I might have disagreed with
- [19] some aspects of the Buckley case, but we wanted to
- 20] make sure that what we did was constitutional.
- [21] If you are asking me does an individual
- [22] have a right under present law to spend their

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- [1] money any way they want for themselves or someone
- [2] else, they absolutely have that right. We have
- [3] tried to work within the requirements of The
- [4] Court's decision.
  - Q. I am actually asking you a related
- 6) question. I agree with your characterization of
- [7] the right of the individual to do so.
- [8] Do you believe an individual that
- [9] exercises that right and spends substantial sums
- [10] on campaign ads to influence the outcome of an
- [11] election, that, that personal individual
- [12] expenditure results in the reality or the.
- [13] appearance of corruption?
- [14] A. I would have to say you would have to
- [15] tell me more information.
- [16] If that individual coordinated it with
- [17] a candidate or with the political parties, which
- [18] would be wrong, but if they did that, I would say
- [19] under that circumstance, it could not just have
- [20] the appearance of corruption, it could be very
- [21] corrupt.

[3]

[22] Q. Assume there was no such coordination.

- A. No such coordination, an individual was
- [2] just spending their money as they saw fit?
  - Q. Yes.
- [4] A. They have the legal right to do that.
- [5] If they were not coordinating it with
- [6] anyone else and they were not working with anyone
- [7] else, that is their ad.
- [8] Q. That, what you have just described,
- [9] would be free from the concern that it would
- [10] result in actual or perceived corruption.
- [11] Is that correct?
- [12] A. Let me say this to you: I cannot make
- [13] that statement. I cannot say yes or no to it.
- [14] There would be so many particulars
- [15] involved with it who it was. There would just
- [16] be so much more that you would have to fill in for
- [17] me to judge. It is too abstract for me to answer

[7]

[8]

[18] that question.

- Q. What else do you think you would need [19]
- to know, Congressman, to answer that question? [20]
- A. Well, you are asking me to now try to [21] [22] ' think it through. If you want to be more

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- [1] specific, I will answer it.
- Q. Your previous responses have not [2] required contextual information when we were: [3]
- talking about ads purchased with unlimited
- corporate and union treasury funds. Now, I am -
- asking if your answer ~ [6]
  - A. Let me explain to you why.
  - Q. Can I finish my question?
- [9] A.
- Now, I am asking if your answer is the [10] [11] same if we are talking about unlimited individual
- [12] personal funds expended on campaign ads.
- A. The challenge that I am having right [13] [14] now is making sure I am actually answering the
- [15] question you are asking and not wanting to answer
- [16] the question in a way where I don't understand
- [17] your question, and therefore, my answer could be a
- real distortion. So, that is what I am wrestling [18]
- with right now. [19]
- [20] It is getting into the theoretical,
- [21] hypothetical. I don't have context to what you
- [22] are asking, so it is a little more difficult for

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- [1] me to respond. That is why you are seeing me
- [2] wrestle with it. If you want to fill it in a
- [3] little bit, I will be happy to try to respond to
- [4] it.
- Q. Fair enough, and I certainly don't want [5] your answers to be based on a misunderstanding of 161
- my questions. [7]
- [8] A. You have been eminently fair and you
- have allowed me to answer the questions, and I 191
- thank you for that. [10]
- Q. Let me try to frame it in the way I [11]
- just did, which is: Do you hold the same view you 1121
- have previously described with respect to the -[13]
- A. Of an independent expenditure done by [14] someone all by themselves, not in coordination
- [16] with anyone else?
- Yes. [17]
- A. Do I hold the same as if it were [18]
- [19] coordinated, raised by a candidate, and so on?
- No, I would not hold it the same. [20]
- Q. Do you hold the same view you have [21]
- described with respect to ads purchased with [22]

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- unlimited corporate treasury funds and union dues?
- MR. WITTEN: I didn't get that [2]
- [3] question. Could you rephrase it, please?
- MR. COOPER: Yes. [4]
- [5] The Congressman has outlined in detail
- [6] previously his views with respect to the
- [7] corrupting or distorting influence of corporate

- [8] treasury funds and union dues expended on sham
- [9] issue ads.
- [10] I am asking if he holds the same views
- [11] with respect to unlimited individual funds spent
- on campaign ads. [12]
- THE WITNESS: I will tell you why I am [13]
- [14] having a more difficult time responding to this
- question. This was not part of our Act. It is [15]
- not something we felt we could deal with given the
- decision of the Supreme Court in the Buckley case.
- [18] So, I have not really thought about it all that
- [19] much.
- [20] Because it is constitutional, they are
- [21] allowed to do it, it has not, in my experience,
- [22] shown up on my radar screen as being a particular

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- [1] problem, but I have not thought about it.
- [2] Let me say this to you: There may be
- [3] aspects of our legislation that we will say why
- [4] didn't we look at this or why didn't we look at
- something else? We tried to take care of what we
- thought were the worst problems. 161
- O. Can I take that answer as you are
- essentially saying that you have not had an
- opportunity to consider it sufficiently to form an
- [10] opinion on the question?
- A. I would say I have not thought about it [11] and it has not shown up on my radar screen.
- [12] I am saying to you that if, in fact, we [13]
- try to be very faithful to the Buckley case and [14]
- [15] the Buckley case allows individuals to spend
- whatever they want on themselves or someone else 1161
- as long as they don't coordinate it that is the
- reality that we deal with. So, I am working
- within that reality. [19]
- [20] Q. Do you not have an opinion on my
- question? [21]

[22]

Well, I can think about it and get back

- [1] to you, but I don't have an immediate opinion.
- Q. I want to ask the same question with
- respect to other entities that might expend
- substantial sums of money on campaign ads or sham
- Do you have an opinion with respect to
- an unincorporated association of individuals
- expending substantial sums on airing campaign ads?
- Again, assume independence from any [9]
- party or any candidate. f101
- A. Our law makes it illegal for [11]
- corporations and labor unions to use corporate [12]
- [13] treasury money or union dues money 60 days to an
- election or 30 days before a primary.
- We did not address the issue of whether
- [16] individuals could do that. In fact.
- individuals and let me just continue to make [17]
- [18] the point that corporations can advertise 60 days [19] to an election or unions or 30 days before a
- primary, but they have to use political action

- [21] committee money we did not, in our legislation,
- [22] deal with unincorporated individuals. That may

- [1] turn out to be a problem; it may not. Time will [2] tell.
- O. Did you not do so because you did not [3] believe the expenditure of large sums of money for [4]
- campaign ads by such entities or, let me just say,
- by unincorporated associations result in
- corruption or the appearance of corruption in the [7] political process? [8]
- A. We tried to take care of the worst [9] problems, and we think we have. [10]
- I have concern about what individuals [11]
- may do, but it will be something I am going to
- watch very closely. The concern is something I am
- definitely going to watch very closely.
- I want to make the point again we tried 1151
- [16] to take care of the worst problems, and we wanted
- to make sure we lived within the confines of the
- law because we knew it would be challenged. We
- wanted to make sure we met the test of
- constitutionality, and I think we have very
- [21] clearly.

[22]

In your answers thus far, you have made Q.

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- [1] references to corporations and to unions.
- Does it matter at all what kind of
- [3] organization or what kind of corporate
- organization is making the expenditures for
- campaign ads or sham issue ads as far as your view
- concerning its corrupting potential is concerned? [6]
- A. It should not make a difference what I [7]
- [8] think about that.
- O. So, the concern about corrupting or 191 [10] distorting the political process through unlimited
- [11] corporate expenditures is the same whether we are
- [12] talking about General Electric, for example, or we [13] are talking about a nonprofit 501(c)(4) voluntary
- [14] membership organization in the corporate form?
- [15] A. No.
- [16] Let me be clear on this. They would be
- [17] using corporate treasury money?
- Q. Yes. [18]
- We make it illegal for all corporations [19] Α.
- [20] to use corporate treasury money, but they can use
- political action committee money. They can
- [22] establish a political action committee and run an

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- [1] advertisement.
- Q. Do you believe all corporations, [2]
- [3] including those I have just described, represent
- the same threat of distortion or corruption in the
- political process when they use treasury funds to
- purchase sham issue ads? [6]
- A. Would you repeat the question. [7]
- MR. COOPER: Could you do that. [8]
- (Ouestion read.) [9]
- THE WITNESS: [10] Now, a sham ad, as we

- [11] defined it, is corporate treasury ads that are
- being spent for advertisements; correct?
- [13] That is what you are asking about?
- MR. COOPER: I am asking about ~ [14]
- THE WITNESS: I think different (15)
- [16] corporations represent different capabilities to
- distort the process, but we didn't get into that.
- We are not going to start to judge one corporation
- [19] or another.
- We have to write a law that is easy to [20]
- understand and easy to administer, and we have to (21)
- [22] make sure people are clear as to what they can do

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- [1] and what they cannot do.
- [2] You mention a candidate's name 60 days
- [3] to an election, it is a campaign ad. You have to
- use political action committee money. All those [4]
- corporations can do that, every one that you
- mentioned. We felt that was clearly a very
- logical and reasonable way to write the law. [7]
- MR. COOPER: Do you believe any 181
- corporation -[9]
- THE WITNESS: I am going to jump in and [10]
- say Mother Theresa could have a wonderful [11]
- corporation we could agree to that and, you
- know, my goodness why can't Mother Theresa run an [13]
- [14] ad?

[21]

- There is a very real reason why. She [15]
- could do a political action committee, and she can
- conform like everyone else. We cannot get into a
- circumstance where courts are having to evaluate
- the quality and character of each corporation. [19]
- BY MR. COOPER: [20]
  - Q. So, you don't believe any corporation
- should be exempted from the restrictions on its

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- [1] ability to engage in Electioneering
- Communications?
- A. That is a real distortion the way you [3]
- [4] asked.
- [5] They have the ability to participate in
- [6] a very real way, and they participate by
- [7] establishing a political action committee. So,
- they are not restricted.
- The NRA is not restricted. They have
- [10] every ability to communicate their message. They
- just need to get voluntary money. With your
- [12] membership in particular, you have the ability to
- [13] spend a fortune, but it will be from lots of
- members and it will be voluntary.
- So, no restrictions on anyone; it just [16] has to have been through a political action
- [17] committee.
- Q. Do you believe any corporation should [18]
- [19] be permitted to use treasury funds to air campaign
- [20] A. Well, they are going to be allowed to [21]
- [22] under our law 60 days before an election, 30 days

[1]

[2]

[6]

[8]

[12]

- [1] before a primary.
- [2] What we did is we tried to take when we
- [3] see these campaign ads happening the most, when
- [4] they seem to have the most impact.
- [5] O. What about within that time frame?
- [6] A. Within the time frame of 60 days?
- [7] Q. Yes.
- [8] A. Repeat the question.
- [9] Q. Do you believe any corporation should
- [10] be permitted to use treasury funds -
- [11] A. It is on treasury funds?
  - Q. . to air campaign ads within the
- [13] period of time that BCRA prescribed?
- [14] MR. WITTEN: You are asking about
- [15] broadcast ads?
- [16] MR. COOPER: I am asking about
- [17] broadcast ads and all the other qualifications on
- [18] or criteria describing or identifying
- [19] Electioneering Communications.
- [20] THE WITNESS: The answer to your
- [21] question is we wrote the law to make it very clear
- [22] that no corporation could advertise 60 days to an

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- [1] election using corporate treasury money. If you
- [2] ask me if I believe in the law, yes, absolutely.
- [3] BY MR. COOPER:
- [4] Q. You are familiar, are you not,
- [5] Congressman, with the proposal by the Federal
- [6] Election Commission to permit certain corporations
- [7] to use treasury funds to engage in Electioneering
- [8] Communications within a prescribed period?
- [9] A. Did this just happen yesterday?
- [10] Q. I don't know what happened yesterday.
- [11] Honestly, I tried to find out all day yesterday.
- [12] A. The answer to your question is I am not [13] familiar.
- [14] I would become very concerned about
- [15] what the Federal Elections Commission will do.
- [16] Don't even to begin to think you can hand me a
- [17] document. Please, don't even begin to think I am
- [18] going to take a document from the FEC and analyze
- [19] it cold because I am not aware of what they have
- [20] done with regards to breadcast ads.
- [21] Q. Actually, I am going to hand you a
- [22] document that reflects your comments to the FEC

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- [1] along with other Members of Congress who are
- [2] intervenors.
- [3] A. Did they do what we had asked them to
- [4] do?
- [5] Q. Let's take a look at the document.
- [6] A. Let me just ask you something. When
- [7] you say take a look at the document that is a
- [8] big document do you want to give me time to
- [9] study the document? Do you want to let me review
- [10] it or what?
- [11] I don't intend to look at such a big
- [12] document without thoroughly looking at it and
- [13] being able to ask questions. So, how do you want

- [14] to proceed?
- [15] Q. I am not going to confine your review,
- [16] Congressman. I think when I focus your attention
- 17) on it, you will not find the question -
- [18] A. Let me say that I want to be
- [19] cooperative, and counsel will have to tell me what
- [20] I am required to do, but I have not seen this
- [21] document; correct?
- [22] Q. No, you have. You have signed it.

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- A. Is this the FEC's decision?
- Q. This is your comments to the FEC.
- [3] A. I misunderstood. Let me back up. I
- [4] thought you were going to hand me a document from
- [5] the FEC on how they have ruled.
  - Q. No.
- [7] A. I misunderstood.
  - Q. It is quite all right.
- [9] A. Has the FEC made a ruling on our
- [10] document?
- [11] Q. I don't know the answer to that.
- [12] A. I thought you asked about the FEC's
- [13] decision.
- [14] Q. I said a proposal, an FEC proposal.
- [15] A. That shows I should have listened to
- [16] your question better.
- [17] ---
- [18] (Whereupon a document was marked as
- [19] Shays Deposition Exhibit Number 2.)
- [20] ---
- [21] THE WITNESS: I want to be clear on
- 22] something. I had been told earlier today the FEC

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- [1] had made a decision on our request that they
- [2] consider a very, very narrow exemption.
- [3] MR. WITTEN: There is no question
- [4] pending. You don't have to -
- [5] THE WITNESS: I just want to ask a
- question. Is that the case or not? Has the FEC
- nade any decision?
- [8] MR. COOPER: Congressman Shays,
- [9] unfortunately, I don't know the answer to the
- [10] question. I would be happy to tell you if I did.
- [11] THE WITNESS: This document is not
- (12) anything from the FEC? This is our document? I
- [13] just want to, before I look through it, I want to
- [14] make sure that is how you presented it to me. [15] MR. COOPER: That is how I am
- [15] MR. COOPER:
- [17] THE WITNESS: Thank you.
  - BY MR. COOPER:
- [19] Q. As you look through the document, do
- [20] you recognize that document as containing the
- [21] comments you and other Members of Congress [22] submitted to the FEC with respect to proposed

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- [1] regulations under BCRA?
- [2] I have a specific page, Congressman,
- [3] page 14 -

[18]

[3]

- Let me just take a look.
- [5] Q. Can I direct your attention to
- page 14, the middle of that page?
- A. Sure. [7]
- The heading is Proposed 11 CFR Section [8]
- 114.2, Prohibitions on Contributions and
- Expenditures. The last sentence and that is
- [11] all I want to focus your attention on, but feel
- [12] free to read the entire paragraph if you would
- [13] like the last sentence reads (reading) We also
- [14] agree that in order for the provision to comply
- with the Supreme Court's ruling in the MCFL case,
- the prohibition should not apply to qualified
- nonprofit corporations as provided in 11 CFR
- Section 114.10 (end reading).
- Now, the FEC, as this document
- reflects, has proposed to exempt from BCRA's
- provisions on Electioneering Communications
- certain nonprofit corporations, ones that are

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- described in this sentence and were described as
- well in this MCFL case, Massachusetts Citizens for
- [3] Life.

[6]

- Are you familiar with the restrictions [4]
- [5] on the MCFL qualified nonprofit corporations?
  - A. No, I am not.
- [7] Q. Is it your opinion that the qualified
- [8] nonprofit corporations the FEC is proposing, and
- you are agreeing here in this comment, that the
- [10] FEC is proposing to exempt from the Electioneering
- [11] Communications provisions do not, that
- expenditures by such corporations from treasury [12]
- funds for campaign ads would not result in
- corruption or distortion of the political process? [14]
- [15] A. For campaign ads?
- Q. Yes, campaign ads, sham issue ads. [16]
- A. I am not going to be able to respond [17]
- [18] because I don't know enough about the court case
- to be able to help you.
- We wanted to make sure that in the
- circumstance let me tell you the general
- thrust. We wanted to make sure that in the

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- [1] circumstance of 60 days to an election, where you
- [2] could potentially mention a congressman, but not
- [3] his name or her name, that it was clearly not
- [4] intended to influence an election; that there be
- [5] this exemption. That is the thrust of what we
- [6] were trying to achieve when I signed this
- [7] document.
- [8] So, the particulars of a particular
- court case or not, we just knew there might be
- certain circumstances where you needed the
- flexibility, and we could not write it by law. [11]
- So, we felt it was important for the FEC to do it. [12]
- I think, as I recall this document, we
- wanted to make sure that even though a congressman
- is referred to, they are not referred to by name
- and that everyone would clearly agree it was not a

- [17] campaign ad, it should be allowed, and we didn't
- want them caught up in it. [18]
- That is the extent of how I can help [19]
- you with this document. I think.
- Q. May I then take as your response you [21]
- [22] don't now have an opinion on the question, the

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- precise question that I put?
- A. I don't feel qualified to answer it. [2]
  - MR. COOPER: Congressman, I would like
- to now ask you some questions about a series of
- political advertisements. I would like you to
- take a look at them and answer some questions
- relating to them.
- In fact, my colleague, Mr. Shaffer, is
- going to show you one of these ads on this laptop.
- It is on a CD. I want to introduce the CD to make
- this record complete and mark it as exhibit.
- There are many other ads on the CD, but I will
- only be asking you to take a look at one of them.
- I also will ask the reporter to mark as
- well a document that contains a transcript of this
- ad I am going to ask you to take a look at.
- [17]
- [18] (Whereupon Shays Deposition Exhibits
- Numbered 3 and 4 were marked for identification.) [19]
- [20]

[21]

- MR. WITTEN: Mr. Cooper, I noticed the
- CD, the exhibit, has a legend on it written by

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- somebody that says confidential, attorney's eyes
- [2] only.
- MR. SHAFFER: We were doing that just [3]
- [4] to err on the side of caution. We have an
- agreement that it will be used for purposes of
- this litigation. It is the same protective
- agreement that governs materials for use by the [7]
- Amberg Center. 181 [9]
  - (CD-Rom played.)
- THE WITNESS: Let me ask a few [10]
- questions before we start. Set me up a little bit . [11]
- on this. This is Mark Shriver's ad? I would have [12]
- to see in it a number of times before I am going [13]
- [14] to fully understand this. I had a hard time
- [15] hearing the words.
  - BY MR. COOPER:
- [17] Q. Fair enough, and we will be happy to
- [18] play it again. I don't think we can increase the
- [19] volume.

[16]

- A. If you cannot increase the volume, you [20]
- are going to have to tell me what this ad is. [211
- I have, Congressman, as well and I [22]

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- [1] think it has been placed before you the
- transcript or a transcript of this ad.
- [3] A. Let me read that.
  - It begins on the second page of that
- document. [5]
- I should not look at first page? This [6]

[4]

- is an ad. Who paid for this ad? [7]
- Q. The transcript reflects, at the top of [8]
- this page, it was paid for by Citizens for Mark K. [9]
- Shriver. It is, as you say, a Mark Shriver ad. [10]
- A. He is in the ad, and his name is [11] [12] mentioned in the ad? When did this ad appear?
- O. It actually has appeared very recently, [13]
- within 30 days of -[14]
- A. This is Mark Shriver (reading) I stood [15]
- [16] up in the floor of the House of Delegates this
- [17] year and defeated a piece of legislation backed by
- [18] the NRA that would have allowed convicted felons
- [19] to own handguns. That is bad public policy.
- We should not allow people who are
- [21] convicted of domestic violence to own handguns.
- We need trigger locks on our handguns. We need to

- [1] eliminate the gun show loophole. We need to make
- gun licensing the law of the land.
- So, I welcome the fight from the NRA
- because nothing would give me more pleasure than
- defeating the NRA. If you believe in something [5] passionately -[6]
- [7] Q. That actually is another ad.
- So, this is that ad. [8] A.
- What is your question? [9]
- Q. Well, first, I would like you to assume [10]
- the NRA believed that the characterization of it [11]
- and its positions in the ad f121
- A. Before I make that assumption, could f131 you just explain to me this is an ad paid for by
- [14]
- Mark Shriver during the campaign? [15]
- Q. It appears to have been paid for by
- [17] Citizens for Mark Shriver, yes.
- [18] A. It is an ad, whether he paid for it or
- someone else paid for it, this ran during 30 days [19]
- [20]
- A primary election. [21]
- a primary election? [22]

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- Assume that was the case. [1]
- A. You want me to assume the NRA felt this [2]
- [3] was a poor characterization of their position?
- [4] Q. It is distorted, an inaccurate
- depiction of the NRA and its positions. [5]
- [6] A. You didn't ask me, but I also agree it
- is a distortion. [7]

[10]

- Q. Do you think the NRA could effectively [8]
- [9] respond to this ad -
  - Α. Absolutely.
- with a broadcast ad that did not [11]
- [12] mention Mr. Shriver's name?
- [13] A. I think the NRA has the capacity and
- [14] should respond to this ad, and they should use
- [15] their political action committee money to do that.
- It would be a campaign ad. If you ran it, it
- would be a campaign ad just as his is a campaign
- ad. I assume this is a campaign ad.
- I don't know if it was paid for with

- [20] hard money or soft money, so that is another
- [21] issue, but the bottom line is if our law passed,
- he would have to use hard money to do this ad and [22]

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- the NRA would have to use hard money to fight it.
- Q. If your law passed, the NRA could not [2]
- [3] respond to this ad using Mr. Shriver's name.
- Is that not true? [4]
- A. No, I don't think that is true at all. 151
- You would use your political action [6]
- committee money. You would use hard money. I
- would go right after him. I think if I were the
- NRA, I would use my political action committee
- money and I would confront him head to head, [10]
- O. Could the NRA respond to this ad [11] [12] effectively without using PAC money, by using
- treasury funds when BCRA becomes effective? [13] A. When the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act [14]
- takes effect and if The Court upholds all the
- provisions, Mr. Shriver would have to use hard
- money contributions. He would not be allowed to
- use soft money, and the NRA would have to use hard [18]
- [19] money. It would not be allowed to use soft money.
- [20] O. Do you think the NRA's response to this [21]
  - ad would be as effective if it could not use ... Mr. Shriver's name in their response?

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- Α. You are asking my personal opinion?
- [1] Yœ.∽ [2]
- My personal opinion is if I were part [3]
- of the NRA membership, I would confront this ad
- right away and I would use his name and I would use hard money to do it. 161
- Q. You are saying the NRA, after BCRA [7]
- becomes effective, would have to respond to this
- ad, effectively anyway, through the NRA Political Victory Fund? [10]
- [111 A. I would say or any other fund that it [12] chose to set up, but it would have to use hard
- money to confront the hard money ad of [13]
- Mr. Shriver. [14]
- [15]
- Q. Did Mr. Shriver, anywhere in this ad, characterize the NRA Political Victory Fund as [16]
- [17] opposed to the NRA itself?
- [18] A. Well, whatever has paid for it, you can
- talk about the NRA specifically. You are not [19]
- restricted. You have used hard money. You can
- say in that ad whatever you want. You are not
- restricted on what you can say in the ad. You can

- say whatever you want in that ad.
- Q. The NRA cannot say whatever it wants, 121
- [3] can it, Congressman?
- A. The NRA, through its political action [4]
- [5] committee, can say whatever it wants.
- Q. Do you think it would be an adequate
- response for the NRA to be limited to responding to distortions of the NRA's positions through its
- political action committee, the Political Victory

[10]	Fund?

- [11] A. Let me be really clear because this is
- [12] so clear and so obvious.
- [13] The NRA has no restriction on what it
- [14] can do. It just has to do it through hard money.
- [15] and it does that through a political action
- [16] committee. It is not inhibited in any way
- [17] whatsoever, and any claim that it is, is a total
- [18] and complete distortion.
- [19] The law allows the NRA to respond to
- [20] this ad immediately through a political action
- [21] committee. There is no inability for the NRA to
- [22] respond and no inability for it to say whatever it

- [1] wants in that ad.
- [2] I might add you didn't ask me, but if
- [3] this ad were paid for by non-hard money,
- [4] Mr. Shriver, in the future, would have to use hard
- [5] money as well. I don't know how it was paid for.
- [6] O. Do you believe the public can tell the
- [7] difference between a responding ad that is by the
- [8] NRA versus a responding ad that is by the NRA
- [9] Political Victory Fund?
- [10] A. Absolutely.
- [11] You are not limited to that one name.
- [12] You can rename it. I mean you could name it a
- [13] hundred different names. Everything you say in
- [14] that ad can be just the way you want to say it.
- [15] You can say the NRA is outraged.
- [16] I mean I am not going to write your ad
- [17] for you, but I could write a good ad in response
- [18] to this that would mention the NRA's name a
- [19] hundred different times.
- [20] Q. What I am asking is: Do you believe
- [21] the public would understand an ad that responded
- 22] to this Shriver ad by using Mr. Shriver's name

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- [1] that was paid for and bore the legend of the NRA
- [2] Political Victory Fund, that the public would
- [3] understand that to be the NRA's response to this
- [4] ad?
- [5] A. Absolutely.
- [6] You could say the NRA is responding to
- [7] this ad. You could say a whole host of things
- [8] through your political action committee. You have
- [9] a hundred different ways you can say this.
- [10] Mr. Cooper, there are a lot of ways we
- [11] could have differences of agreement, but on this
- [12] one, the NRA is dead wrong if it contends it does
- [13] not have the ability to respond to this ad.
- [14] It has the ability to respond to it
- [15] quickly. It has the resources to respond to it
- [16] quickly through its political action committees,
- [17] and on this issue, I think you all are off on a
- [18] really way off base.
- [19] Q. Congressman, if the NRA Political
- [20] Victory Fund lacked funds to respond to this ad
- [21] and the NRA had, itself, to respond to the ad -
- [22] A. May I ask you how many members are

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- [1] there in the NRA?
- [2] O. Congressman, this is my deposition of
- [3] you.
- [4] A. I cannot answer your question unless I
- [5] ask because what you just played out is patently
- [6] absurd.

[7]

[13]

- Q. I am asking you to assume it.
- 8] A. I could not assume it. I could not
- [9] assume the NRA would not have the ability to raise
- [10] these funds. I could not make that assumption.
- [11] Q. So, you refuse to answer my question on [12] the basis of that assumption?
  - A. No.
- [14] I think your assumption is absurd, and
- 15] let me be very clear on this. The Congress
- [16] established political action committees with the
- [17] expressed intention that interest groups would
- [18] have the ability to express their will.
- [19] The Supreme Court upheld that and made
- [20] it very clear that special interests and I
- [21] think of special interests in a positive way, not
- [22] in a negative way have the ability to get their

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- messages out through a political action committee.
- [2] You have that ability, and I have no
- [3] doubt whatsoever the NRA could raise millions of
- [4] dollars to respond to this ad, none whatsoever.
- [5] Q. If the NRA chose to respond to it using
- [6] ads funded through treasury funds, it would not be allowed to use Mr. Shriver's name, would it?
  - MR. WITTEN: On a broadcast ad?
- [9] MR. COOPER: In an Electioneering
- [10] Communication.

[8]

- [11] THE WITNESS: The answer is the law
- [12] would make it very clear the NRA would have to
- [13] respond through a political action committee as
- [14] determined constitutional by the Supreme Court.
- [15] That is the way it would have to get its message [16] out.

# [17] BY MR. COOPER:

- [18] Q. If the NRA did use Mr. Shriver's name [19] in the ad, how would that result in corruption or
  - operceived corruption in the political process?
- [21] A. I don't think it would result in any [22] perceived corruption in that instance, but you

# perceived corruption in that instance, but you Page 108

- 1) would have to put it in the context of everything
- [2] we discussed before that question.
- [3] The important point to remember is that
- [4] the NRA has the total freedom and flexibility to
- [5] respond to this ad through one political action
- [6] committee it could have two; it could have
- three; it could have any number and it would
   raise money from whomever would like to contribute
- [9] to that cause on behalf of the NRA.
- [10] So, on this level, I have total
- [11] confidence the Supreme Court will recognize that
  - 2] the political action committee process is a very

- [13] fair one and gives you all the voice you need to
   [14] get your message out.
   [15] ---
- (Whereupon a document was marked as [17] Shays Deposition Exhibit Number 5.)
- [18] ---

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- [19] BY MR. COOPER:
- [20] Q. For purposes of the record, this
- [21] exhibit is what we have been calling a story board
- of a political advertisement. It is Bates stamped

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- [1] BRE 001223.
- [2] Congressman, I would like you to just
- [3] review the exhibit, if you would.
- [4] A. Let me say I cannou really see the [5] picture, but I assume that is not all that
- [5] picture, but I assum[6] important.
  - Q. It is not particularly important.
- [8] A. (Reading) It is almost too much to
- [9] swallow. Year after the year, the Federal
- [10] Government takes a bigger piece of the pie. In
- [11] fact, in 1998, we will pay more in Federal taxes
- [12] than at any time in American history, except for
- [13] World War II.
- [14] Now with the budget surplus, in
- [15] 30 years, all the Washington politicians can talk
- [16] about is getting their hands on more of your
- [17] dough. Call Harry Reid and John Ensign. Tell
- [18] them no matter who goes to Washington, you want
- [19] them to cut your taxes. Otherwise, there will be
- [20] nothing left but the crumbs (end reading).
- [21] Do you want to set up this and tell me
- [22] when it ran and all those things, or do you want

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- [1] me to ask you?
- [2] Q. I want you to assume it ran within the [3] 60 days of an election.
- [4] A. May I assume it ran?
- [5] Harry Reid and John Ensign from Nevada?
  - Q. Nevada, right.
- [7] A. So, this ad ran in Nevada 60 days to an
- [8] election?

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- [9] Q. Let us assume that for purposes of my
- [10] question, which is simply: In your opinion, is
- [11] this what you have characterized as a sham issue
- [12] ad in your earlier testimony, in your opinion?
- [13] A. Let me ask you another question. They [14] both are up for election or one of them is up for
- [15] election? They both are?
- [16] Q. Would that make a difference to your [17] answer?
- (17) answer:
- [18] A. Actually, it probably would not in
- [19] either case, but one of them was up for election?
- [20] Q. Let us assume that is true.
- [21] A. The issue would be that this would have
- [22] to be I think it is talking about a particular

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- [1] position. In this case, I have a bit of an
- [2] advantage. I know John Ensign is for cutting

- [3] taxes, and I know Harry Reid is not usually. That
- [4] is a bias I have as a Republican, but I believe it
- [5] to be true.
- [6] If this ran, it would clearly be under
- [7] our law, and I think it is reasonable. It would
- [8] be under our law because I think it agrees
- [9] probably with one person's position, but not the
- [10] other. I think it is designed to influence the
- [11] election, frankly.
- [12] Q. On whose behalf or to whose favor do [13] you believe this was designed to influence the
- [15] A. I would not know unless I was in Nevada
- [16] and knew the group, so I am speculating in this
- [17] case. My speculation is this was probably
- [18] designed to help John Ensign. I could be wrong,
- [19] but it was probably designed to help him.
- [20] In either case, even if I am wrong, it
- [21] is designed to impact the outcome of the election.
- 22] So, it would be a campaign ad and should be used

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- [1] with hard money.
- [2] MR. COOPER: Would this be a convenient
- [3] moment to take another short break?
- [4] THE WITNESS: I am happy to stop, and I
- [5] am happy to go on.
- [6] MR. COOPER: Why don't we go off the
- [7] record.
- [8] (Recess from 11:33 a.m. to 11:46 a.m.)
  - BY MR\_COOPER:
- [10] Q. Congressman, let me return your
- [11] attention to the story board we have marked
- [12] Exhibit 5.

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- [13] Was this among the political ads you
- [14] reviewed in connection with preparing for this
- [15] deposition?
  - A. Correct.
  - Q. I want to ask the same question.
  - A. I would like to say to you when I was
- [19] shown it, that was exactly what my answer was when
- [20] I was shown it, just for the record.
- [21] Q. Had you reviewed the ad we discussed
- [22] previous to this, the Mark Shriver ad?

- 1] Have you seen that?
- [2] A. I don't think I did, but I don't know;
- [3] I don't think I saw that ad.
- [4] I would be happy to tell you, in each
- 5] ad, if I have seen it before if you would like.
- [6] Q. I would like to also ask you a question
- [7] again referring back to the Shriver ad.
- [8] How is it that an ad responding to that
- 9] Shriver ad, if paid for by the Political Victory
- [10] Fund out of hard dollars, would not result in
- [11] actual or perceived corruption of the political
- [12] process, but an ad responding to the Shriver ad
- [13] paid for by NRA treasury funds would result in
- [14] corruption or perceived corruption of the
- [15] political process?

- I was thinking about this in the **f161**
- [17] context of all my other answers, and I think I
- [18] have really answered that question. You are
- really combining two different issues.
- We could go back over my other answers
- about the 1907 law and the 1947 law and why those
- Congresses passed them if you would like, but I

- don't know if you want to spend the time. [1]
  - Q. No.
- If you want to refer to your earlier [3]
- answers, then I will accept that.
- [5] A: Thank you.
- [6]

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- (Whereupon a document was marked as [7]
- Shays Deposition Exhibit Number 6.) [8]
- [9]
- THE WITNESS: (Reading) America's [10]
- greatest generation, they gave us peace,
- prosperity, and a better world. Senator Orrin
- Hatch knows they sacrificed for us, and he has
- always supported them time and again. Now
- Medicare spending for nursing home care is
- \$15 billion less than Congress budgeted.
- America's greatest generation needs
- Orrin Hatch's help again. Senator Hatch is a
- leader. Call, ask him to support Medicare funding
- (end reading).
- Orrin Hatch is in Utah. I will make
- the assumption, if you are asking me to do, that

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- [1] it was in Utah. You are asking me to make the
- assumption it was 60 days before an election or
- 30 days before a primary?
- Q. Yes. [4]
- A. So this, under our law, would, in fact, 151
- be a campaign ad, and therefore, needs to be paid
- for with hard money, not soft money.
- Q. This would be an Electioneering [8]
- Communication under BCRA; is that correct? [9]
- A. This is a campaign ad because it [10]
- [11] mentions the Senator's name and it is 60 days to
- an election, so under our definition, it is a
- campaign ad. [13]
- Q. Do you believe this is a sham issue ad? [14]
- When I look at it, I think it is pretty [15]
- [16] clear that it is beneficial to Senator Hatch and
- would be helpful to Senator Hatch. I would love
- someone to run an ad for me like this in an
- election. It is designed to influence the [19]
- election. [20]
- [21] Q. Earlier, you indicated you stopped the
- Sierra Club from running an ad favorable to you. [22]

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- You were being facetious -[2]
  - A. Let me say I tried to.
- You attempted to. [3]
- I believe they kept running it for a [4]
- while, and I was lectured that I didn't have any

- [6] right to make that request under existing law. I
- [7] mean not lectured by you, but lectured by the
- Q. In your answer to my questions with 191
- [10] respect to Exhibit 5, the previous story board,
- you asked certain questions about the context. I
- take it you don't need any contextual information [12]
- with respect to the ad reflected on Exhibit 6 to [13]
- come to your judgment that this would constitute a [14]
- [15] sham issue ad in your opinion.
- A. Let me be clear so we are [16]
- [17] communicating. I can tell you without context as
- [18] long as you tell me if it was 60 days to an
- election, mentioned the candidate's name, was in [19]
- that candidate's jurisdiction of election. [20]
- I can tell you what the law would say, [21]
- and then I can respond to what I think about it. [22]

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- I kind of need you to fill it in, so maybe I am
- giving you more than you want, but I am happy to
- [3] try to cooperate.
  - I think there are two different
- questions here. [5]

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- A. Okay.
- Q. One is whether or not the law as passed
- and that we have been calling BCRA and its [8]
- provisions regarding Electioneering Communications
- would prohibit this ad if paid for with corporate
- treasury funds. [11]
- There is another question, which is the [12]
- question I actually wanted to focus on, which is
- whether the ad itself satisfies your view and
- definition of a sham issue ad or a campaign ad. [15]
  - A. Okay.
- [16] [17] Q. Just so we are clear, let me refer back
- again then to the ad reflected on Exhibit 5., [18]
- Do you believe that would be within the
- prohibition of Electioneering Communications under
- BCRA if paid for by corporate treasury funds?
  - A. I believe, under the Bipartisan

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- [1] Campaign Reform Act, this ad would have to be paid
- [2] for by hard money campaign money as defined in the
- [3] 1974 Act.

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- [4] I was adding to that by saying this is
- [5] a confirmation to me of why our definition works
- because I think reasonable people would conclude
- this was designed to influence the election. [7]
  - Q. Therefore, it is a sham issue ad?
- A. Therefore, it is a campaign ad, and it [9] [10] needs to be paid for with hard money donations.
- Q. I want to ask and I would like your [11]
- response to the same question with respect to the [12] ad reflected in Exhibit 6. [13]
- A. This was a TV ad. It ran, I am [14]
- assuming, 60 days to the election. It is about
- Senator Hatch, who was up for reelection I am
- making that assumption and I think, under the
- [18] law, it would apply.

- [19] Then if you were asking me the
- [20] question, do I view this as trying to influence
- [21] the election and helpful to Senator Hatch, I think
- [22] it does; and therefore, it would need to be paid

- for with hard money donations campaign money.
- [2] Q. Under BCRA, under the Bipartisan
- [3] Campaign Reform Act?
- [4] A. Yes.
- [5] ---
- [6] (Whereupon a document was marked as
- [7] Shays Deposition Exhibit Number 7.)
- [8] ---
- [9] BY MR. COOOPER:
- [10] Q. I have another ad story board,
- [11] Congressman.
- [12] A. (Reading) Announcer: America was
- [13] outraged when two New Jersey teenagers checked
- [14] into a Delaware hotel and delivered and exposed of
- [15] (sic) their newborn baby in a dumpster.
- [16] Most Americans could not believe that
- [17] this defenseless human life could be so coldly
- (18) snuffed out, but incredibly, if a doctor had been
- 1191 present that day in Delaware and delivered the
- infant, all but one inch from full birth and then
- [20] infant, all but one inch from full birth and then [21] killed it, it would have been perfectly legal.
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- [22] Instead of murder or manslaughter, it

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- [1] would have been called a partial birth abortion...
- [2] Killing late in the third trimester, killing just
- [3] inches away from full birth, partial birth
- [4] abortion puts a violent death on thousands of
- [5] babies every year.
- [6] Your Senators, Russ Feingold and Herb
- [7] Kohl, voted to continue this grizzly procedure.
- [8] Contact Senators Feingold and Kohl today and
- [9] insist they change their vote and oppose partial
- [10] birth abortion. Their number in Washington is
- [11] (end reading) da, da, da, da, da.
- [12] Do you want me to make some assumptions
- [13] and then you tell me if I am correct?
- [14] Q. I want you to continue to assume this
- [15] ad ran within 60 days of an election.
- [16] A. It is 60 days to an election. It
- [17] mentions two Senators' names. I am going to
- [18] assume, since they both are Democrats from
- [19] Wisconsin, on one of them was up for reelection.
- [20] Under our law, 60 days to an election,
- [21] mentioning a candidate's name, this would be, in
- [22] fact, be a campaign ad, and therefore, would need

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- [1] hard money.
- [2] MR. WITTEN: You are asking him to
- [3] assume it was paid for by a corporation or a union
- [4] I take it.
- [5] MR. COOPER: Yes and treasury funds.
- [6] BY MR. COOPER:
- [7] Q. Do you also believe this is the kind of
- [8] sham issue ad the law was directed to prohibit?

- A. No.
- [10] This was not designed to prohibit this
- [11] ad. You keep asking that, and I will keep
- [12] responding. I hope I don't forget to. We don't
- [13] want to prohibit this ad.
- [14] I am going to say something very
- [15] personal here. I voted to allow partial birth
- [16] abortions, and after this incident, I was one of
- [17] five members to change my vote. I think this is a
- [18] powerful ad.
- [19] I think it should be run, but it was
- [20] clearly designed to influence an election, and
- [21] therefore, needed to be paid for with hard money,
- [22] PAC contributions, campaign money, not soft money.

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- Q. You believe this ad was designed to
- [2] benefit the opponent of whichever one of these
- [3] Senators was up for election?
- [4] A. Correct, absolutely, that is what I
- [5] believe.

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- [6] Let me say to you that I believe this
- 7] ad should run that is my own personal view -
- [8] but it needs to be run in the context of the
- [9] campaign law.
- [10] Q. I want to ask you to edit this ad with
- [11] me slightly. Slightly is my characterization, but
- [12] edit this ad.
- [13] A. Can you explain to me why you want me
- [14] to edit it?

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- Q. Yes.
- [16] I am going to ask you if we change this .
- 7] ad in certain respects, would your view be changed
- [18] of it; okay?
- [19] A. Yes.
  [20] Q. Assume it is the same through the first
- [21] eight panels on this front page of Exhibit
- [22] Number 7.

- A. Right.
- Q. Beginning with the eighth panel, where
- [3] it says your Senators Russ Feingold and Herb Kohl
- [4] voted to continue this grizzly procedure, first, I [5] want you to assume that sentence read instead the
- [6] U.S. Senate voted to continue this grizzly
- [7] procedure; okay?
- [8] The next sentence which says contact
- [9] Senators Feingold and Kohl today and insist that
- [10] they change their vote and oppose partial birth
- [11] abortion, I want you to assume that read contact
- [12] your Senators today and insist they oppose partial
- [13] birth abortion.
- [14] The other change I want you to assume
- [15] is that the likeness of the two Senators is
- [16] eliminated there are pictures here in the last
- [17] five frames that instead their pictures do not
- [18] show.
- [19] If the ad had been run as I have just
- [20] asked you to assume it read and appeared, in your
- [21] opinion, would that also constitute an

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[22			billions. Seniors' access to quality nursing home
	Page 124		is threatened.
[1	of BCRA?	[14	Caring for the elderly becomes your
į,	? A. Yes, it would.	[15	life, but with Medicare cuts, my job is much
[3	It would not be as powerful and it	[16	
[4	would not be as effective a campaign ad, but it	[17	
(5		[18	
_	It would be marginal in terms of its impact, but	[19	
	it would still have an impact, I think, on the	(20	
[8]		[21]	·
	of for with hard money contributions.	[22]	
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	name or otherwise refer to a clearly identified	1	
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[15	. <b></b>	[5]	
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[17]	•	[7]	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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[19]	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	[9]	I want you to assume that is the case.
	this ad is a sham issue ad?	[10]	THE WITNESS: It mentioned the
[21]	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	[11]	· ·
[22]		[12]	States. It would, in fact, require, to use this,
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[1]		[14]	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
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[3]	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	[16]	
[4]	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	[17]	BY MR. COOPER:
[5]		[18]	Q. Do you believe this is a sham issue ad,
[6]		[19]	the kind that BCRA was designed to reach?
[7]	_	[20]	A. First off, this is, under our
(8)	A. No, not the ad, the experience.	[21]	definition, it is defined as a campaign ad. I
[9]	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	[22]	would be happy to take a look at it and see how I
[10]	•		Page 128
[11]	Q. I misunderstood you. I thought you	[1]	react to it.
[12]	were referring to this very ad.	[2]	No; I bring the context of my somewhat
[13]	A. No.	[3]	knowledge of the race, and I believe Al Gore was
[14]	Thank you for qualifying that. The	[4]	criticizing me and every Republican for making
[15]	partial birth was a difficult vote for me, and I	[5]	Medicare cuts and that he was the champion of
[16]	ended up changing my vote after that incident.	[6]	Medicare.
[17]	Q. The incident the ad describes?	[7]	So, I am pretty comfortable, I think,
[18]	A. Yes.	[8]	telling you this is clearly designed to benefit Al
[19]	Q. Did the ad, to your recollection, run	[9]	Gore. I could be wrong on that, but it does
[20]	in your district?	[10]	mention his name and it would be defined as a
[21]	A. I didn't see any ads, anything dealing	[11]	campaign ad.
[22]	with this issue, but if it did run in my district	[12]	•••
	Page 126	[13]	(Whereupon a document was marked as
[1]	and there was not anyone up for election, it would	[14]	Shays Deposition Exhibit Number 9.)
[2]	not have been a campaign ad.	[15]	•••
[3]	•••	[16]	BY MR. COOPER:
[4]	(Whereupon a document was marked as	[17]	Q. Another story board.
[5]	Shays Deposition Exhibit Number 8.)	[18]	A. (Reading) McCain: For years, special
[6]	***		interests and big money have had a negative
[7]	BY MR. COOPER:		influence on local, state, and national elections.
[8]	Q. Another story board, Congressman.	[21]	Arizona's Clean Election Law changes that. In
[9]	A. (Reading) Announcer: There is a	[22]	1998, you voted for the Clean Elections Act and
	nursing home crisis in America. Despite record	()	Page 129
	budget surpluses, Medicare has been cut by	[]]	rage 129 Testored voter confidence in the electoral

[11] budget surpluses, Medicare has been cut by

[1] restored voter confidence in the electoral

- [2] process.
- [3] Clean elections work well to overcome
- 14) the influence of special interests. It gives
- Arizonans the power to create good government.
- [6] Keep supporting clean elections (end reading).
- [7] I am going to ask these questions, and
- [8] I will assume that, yes, it is 60 days to an
- election; that Senator McCain is up for election
- as a Senator or a Presidential candidate. [10]
- [11] O. He is a candidate for an election.
- within the period. 1121
- A. It is run in a place that he is up for {13}
- reelection. [14]
- Was this run in Arizona?
- Q. (Nods.) [16]
- It is talking about Arizona's clean [17] A.
- [18] election laws, and it mentions his does it
- mention his name? It has his picture. So defined
- under the law, this would be defined as an ad that
- would need hard money contributions. [21]
- This is a Federal election? [22]

- [1] O. Yes.
- (Reading) For years, special interests [2] A.
- [3] and big money have had a negative influence (end
- reading). What does it say underneath here? What
- does it say here (indicating)? It has John
- McCain. It identifies his name in the picture. 161
- [7] O. Yes, and I don't know. That is
- illegible on the copies we have. We have given...
- you the best copies we could obtain.
- A. I have the same answer for both, but if [10]
- [11] it is a presidential election, he was clearly
- [12] championing clean elections. If it ran in
- [13] Arizona, it was clearly identifying him with those
- [14] clean elections.
- [15] If it was against Presiden: Bush, he
- was not identified that way. This would be very
- [17] helpful to him if he was running against Governor
- Bush. I think it was designed to influence the
- election. I don't see any other purpose for it, 1191
- frankly, other than that. [20]
- Q. Thank you. [21]
- By the way, had you reviewed the McCain [22]

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- [1] ad, Exhibit 8 (sic), in preparation for the
- deposition? [2]
- MR. WITTEN: I think eight is the [3]
- [4] nursing ads.

[10]

- MR. COOPER: I'm sorry, number nine. [5]
- THE WITNESS: I honestly don't know. [6]
- [7] Frankly, I don't recall this one. I do recall
- this one here (indicating), and I do recall
- Mr. Hatch's, but I don't recall this one here. [9]
  - BY MR. COOPER:
- When you say this one here, I think you [11]
- f121 were holding up the abortion ad.
- A. I do recall seeing Exhibit 7 and I do [13]
- [14] recall seeing Exhibit 6. I think my answers were

- 1151 even better on those when I saw them the first
- time than the second. 1161
- MR. COOPER: I want to hand you another [17]
- story board, which the reporter will mark as [18]
- Exhibit 10. [19]
- [20]

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- (Whereupon a document was marked as [21]
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- BY MR. COOPER: [2]
  - Q. Before you read this one, Congressman,
- have you seen this ad? [4]
  - A. Let me read it. When I look at the
- pictures, it does not I don't think I have.
- Let me read it.
- (Reading) Dear high-tech company, I
- would like to send you my resume. Dear graduate,
- sorry, Congress is going to give your job to a
- [11] foreign worker; but I just finished four hard
- [12] years of technical studies.
- Announcer: Sorry, besides foreign [13]
- workers will work for a lot less. Is this any way
- to treat American workers? But based on her
- record, Congresswoman Northrup is likely to vote
- in favor of the Foreign Worker bill. [17]
- Call Congresswoman Northrup and tell [18]
- her to save our best jobs for American workers.
- Ask her to vote no on the Foreign Worker bill.
- This message is paid for by the Coalition for
- [22]:. Future American Workers (end reading).

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- We will assume this is a TV ad. We
- will assume it ran in her Congressional district.
- We will assume it was 60 days before an election
- under the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act. It
- mentions her name, the candidate's name. It
- shows, I think, a picture of her, but the name
- would be enough.
- This would be required to be used with
- [9] hard money -

[10]

- Q. Under the electioneering -
- A. under the new Act.
- [11] [12] I don't think there is any doubt this
- [13] is designed to influence an election.
- Q. How do you think it is designed to [14]
- influence that election? [15]
- A. Well, I know the issue and I know the [16]
- [17] intensity that people feel about this issue. I
- know the visceral feelings people have.
- [19] It is basically saying - I will read
- it again, but it is pretty evident they are [20]
- basically saying but I just finished four years. [21]
- So, you are talking about somebody who has had [22]

- four years, worked hard, sorry; besides, foreign
- workers will work for a lot less.
- Then Northrup is likely to vote in
- favor of all these what they say are terrible

- [5] things. It is making her out to be a, in my
- [6] judgment, it is trying to influence the election
- [7] and make you not look too favorably on Ann
- [8] Northrup.
- [9] I think it is clearly designed to
- [10] influence the election, and I think if you
- [11] contacted these people, they would admit it.
- [12] I have been in Congress a long time.
- [13] and I will tell you that I don't know anyone in
- [14] Congress who doesn't believe that these issue ads
- [15] are designed to influence elections. It is why we
- [16] are being told to raise money, so we can help
- [17] raise money to help these ads happen.
- [18] ---
- [19] (Whereupon a document was marked as
- [20] Shays Deposition Exhibit Number 11.)
- [21] ---

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## [22] THE WITNESS: (Reading) Jim Matheson

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- [1] cannot decide what position to take on
- [2] prescription drug coverage (end reading).
- [3] Excuse me, before I leave, I want to
- [4] just say this ad could run; it just needs to run
- [5] with hard money contributions, no corporate money,
- [6] no union dues money.
  - BY MR. COOPER:
- [8] Q. Let me ask you this. Since you
- [9] referred to this ad, is this among the ads now,
- [10] is it familiar to you?
- [11] Did you review this?
- [12] A. No, I don't think I saw this ad.
- [13] MR. WITTEN: This reference to this ad
- [14] is to Exhibit 10.
- [15] MR. COOPER: Thank you.
- [16] THE WITNESS: (Reading) Jim Matheson
- [17] cannot decide what position to take on
- [18] prescription drug coverage for seniors. He
- [19] doesn't support the common sense plan passed by
- [20] the House of Representatives.
- [21] He doesn't support Bill Clinton's big
- [22] government plan. Tell Jim Matheson that a big

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- [1] government plan is the wrong way to go. It gives
- [2] seniors no choice, and it could cause millions of
- [3] seniors to lose the coverage they already have.
- [4] Tell Jim Matheson to make a decision.
- [5] The issue is too important to ignore. U.S.
- [6] Chamber of Commerce (end reading).
- [7] I have not seen this ad before, but I
- [8] have an advantage on this one, Exhibit 11.
- [9] Assuming it ran on TV, assuming it was
- [10] 60 days before the election, it mentions the
- [11] candidate's name, it would, therefore, have to run
- [12] with hard money contributions. It could not run
- [13] with soft money contributions. It was clearly
- [14] designed to influence the election, and that is
- [15] why it was run. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce was
- [16] trying to influence the election.
- [17] BY MR. COOPER:

- [18] Q. In what way were they trying to
- [19] influence the election?
- [20] A. Read it. He doesn't support the common
- [21] sense plan passed by the House of Representatives.
- [22] He doesn't support Bill Clinton's plan. Jim

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- [1] Matheson, excuse me, let me read it.
- [2] (Reading) Jim Matheson can't decide
- [3] what position to take on prescription drug
- [4] coverage. He doesn't support the common sense
- [5] plan by the House of Representatives in other
- [6] words, the Republicans.
- [7] He doesn't support Bill Clinton's big
- [8] government plan in other words, the Democratic
- [9] President. Tell Jim Matheson a big government
- [10] plan is the wrong way to go in other words.
- [11] don't go with Bill Clinton.
- [12] It gives seniors no choice and it could
- [13] cause millions of seniors to lose coverage they
- [14] already have. Tell Jim Matheson to make a
- [15] decision (end reading.)
- [16] What they are clearly trying to say is
- [17] this guy got elected to Congress and cannot make
- [18] up his mind. It is clearly designed to influence
- [19] the election. It is clearly designed to make
- [20] people not think very favorably of Jim Matheson.
- [21] Q. Therefore -
  - A. It needs to be run with hard money

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- [1] contributions.
- [2] Q. Therefore, this campaign ad, this sham
- [3] issue ad is designed to provoke voters to vote for
- [4] Mr. Matheson's opponent I take it.
  - A. I think it is a designed to make sure
- [6] they don't vote for Mr. Matheson, and whoever he
- [7] is running against will be the recipient.
- [8] ---
- [9] · (Whereupon a document was marked as
- [10] Shays Deposition Exhibit Number 12.)
- [11] --[12]

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#### BY MR. COOPER:

- [13] Q. Another story board. This will be
- [14] Exhibit Number =
- [15] A. I am going to say something here. I
- [16] feel it very strongly.
- [17] Q. Yes, sir?
- [18] A. If McDonald's spent all of its money
- [19] telling you why you should not buy Burger King,
- [20] and Burger King spent all of its time telling you
- [21] why you should not buy McDonald's, you would not
- [22] buy either. This is designed to tell you not to

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- (1) vote for this man.
- [2] Q. Thank you.
  - A. (Reading) McCain: Michigan knows me as
- 141 a fighter for common sense reform. Education
- [5] reform that results in improved performance of our
- (6) children is at the top of my list, which is why I
- [7] support Proposal One.

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- [8] Proposal One will initiate regular
- teacher testing and protest public school funding,
- and it gives choice to parents of kids trapped in [10]
- [11] failing schools. Proposal one is vital reform for
- [12] our kids. You are the one who can put kids first
- (end reading). (13)
- [14] I am going to assume Senator McCain was
- [15] running for President. I am going to assume that
- Senator McCain was up for a primary election in [16]
- [17] Michigan, and I am going to assume this ad ran in
- [18] Michigan.
- [19] Under our bipartisan campaign reform
- bill, this ad would be a cumpaign ad, and I think
- it was intended to benefit proposition one, which
- I am assuming Senator McCain supported, and it was

- [1] intended to benefit Senator McCain.
- If that is the case, he won both ways
- because if the proposition gets more support and
- he supports it, it tends to benefit those
- candidates. So, I think this is a very clever 151
- campaign ad designed to influence the campaign. [6]
  - Q. To favorably -
- [7] MR. WITTEN: Any pages that go on the [8]
- [9] transcript? You asked him to assume it was within
- a certain period before the election, and I think
- this time, he may not have mentioned that. I just [11]
- wanted to -[12]
- THE WITNESS: It is 60 days before an [13]
- election. [14]
- MR. COOPER: Actually, I thought the [15]
- Congressman did stipulate that. [16]
- MR. WITTEN: If he did, I apologize. [17]
- [18] THE WITNESS: 60 days to an election,
- [19] yes.
- MR COOPER: The assumed criteria apply [20]
- in each one. I am obviously not try to trick [21]
- anyone here. [22]

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- THE WITNESS: Thank you, and in that
- way, I don't have that sense, but thank you for [2]
- looking out for my interests. [3]
  - BY MR. COOPER:
- [4] This was designed to influence the [5]
- election in a way favorable to Senator McCain? [6]
- A. I think so. [7]
- You know, I want to say something in [8]
- this regard. I may look at these ads, and I may
- be right on nine out of ten or I may not be.
- [11] When I look them, I am just trying to
- [12] get you an honest answer. Some were more obvious
- [13] than others. If they ran this ad, it would need
- [14] to be run with hard money campaign dollars.
- Q. Under the new Act? [15]
- Under the New Act. [16] Α.
- [17] They would still be allowed to be run,
- but with campaign dollars. [18]
- Q. Was this among the ads you reviewed in [19]
- preparing for the deposition?

- A. I don't recall seeing this ad. **[21]**
- [22] I saw four or so, and so I have seen a

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- [1] lot more. I could be wrong, but I don't recall
- seeing this ad. **f21**
- MR. COOPER: I have another story board [3]
- [4] I would like to have marked as an exhibit.
- [5]
- (Whereupon a document was marked as [6]
- Shays Deposition Exhibit Number 13.) [7]
- [8]

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#### BY MR. COOPER:

- This is Exhibit Number 13. Q.
- Congressman, I apologize for the poor quality. [11]
- A. Let's take it slow. This is [12]
- Exhibit 13. [13]
- (Reading) The people I can,
- obviously, not see the pictures the people of
- [16] America should be running our government. That is
- [17] the way it was set up in the first place. The
- problem is the special interests and the paid
- lobbyists control the Washington politicians.
- The answer is term limits. Term limits
- [21] replace Washington insiders with new people who
- [22] reflect community interests, not politics as

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- [1] usual. Molly Bordonare has signed the pledge to
- [2] limit her terms in Congress. David Wu refused.
- [3] Call David Wu and tell him to sign the U.S. term
- [4] pledge (end reading).
- [5] This, again, I will say it quickly, is
- [6] 60 days before an election in David Wu's district
- or the district they are running. It is running
- 60 days before. They are mentioning a candidate's
- name, both candidates I assume; and this would be
- [10] defined as a campaign ad.

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- Q. Under the new Act?
- Under the new Act. A.
- [13] Would this also be, in your opinion, a sham issue ad designed to influence this election?
- [14] A. I think clearly the term limits folks [15]
- were trying to influence elections. I think this [16]
- is a clearly a campaign ad, and I think they would
- [18] agree with me. Q. In whose favor were they attempting to [19]
- influence the election? [20] A. Let's think it through. They are for [21]
- [22] term limits; correct?

- Q. I assume that is true.
- [2] A. They mention one person is for term
- limits, and then you have this other person who is
- not for term limits. It strikes me that they were [4]
- probably trying to influence the election for the [5]
- person who signed the pledge, which is what they [6]
- wanted to have happen. [7]
- [8] Therefore, I think this ad should run.
- I am not saying it should not run, but it is [9]
- designed to influence the election. I don't know

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- [11] anyone who is for term limits who is going, an
- [12] organization that is going to be looking to
- [13] support the candidate who is against term limits. Q. If Mr. Wu was moved to sign the term [14]
- [15] limits pledge, as this advertisement urges him to
- do, do you believe the organization that aired
- this ad would have accomplished its purpose? [17]
  - A. I am not sure.
- I would have to know more about the [19]
- organization, but I think this was clearly
- designed to influence an election.
  - MR. COOPER: Congressman, we are very

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- [1] close to the end of my examination. What I would
- [2] propose is that we take a short break to allow me
- [3] to review my own thoughts. I may have a few more
- questions, but it will be just a few if I do. [4]
- THE WITNESS: You have been so gracious
- with me and I thank you. You take as much time as
- you want to review them. You have been wonderful.
- MR. COOPER: Thank you very much. 181
- (Recess from 12:28 p.m. to 12:34 p.m.) [9]
- MR. COOPER: My questions are [10]
- [11] concluded. I appreciate very much your time
- [12] today, Congressman Shays. It has been a pleasure.
- THE WITNESS: Thank you, and I [13]
- appreciate your graciousness and your patience [14]
- [15] with me. Thank you very much.
- (Recess from 12:34 p.m. to 1:29 p.m.) [16]
- 17 [17]
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- 19 [19]
- 20 [20]
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- **AFTERNOONSESSION**
- [2] EXAMINATION-CONDUCTED
- BY MR. BURCHFIELD: [3]
- Q. Good afternoon, Congressman. I am [4]
- [5] Bobby Burchfield, and I am one of the attorneys
- representing the Republican National Committee,
- three state parties, one local party, and Mike
- [8] Duncan who, as you may know, is the General
- [9] Counsel of the Republican National Committee.
- I want to cover a little bit of your
- personal background just to make sure the record
- [12] is complete here. I take it you were born in
- [13] Darien, Connecticut on October 18, 1945.
- [14]
- You graduated from Principia College in [15]
- Elsah, Illinois with a double major in American [16]
- (171 History and Political Science?
- 1181 A. Correct.
- You and Mrs. Shays were married shortly (191
- thereafter and served together in the Peace Corps [20]
- in Fiji from 1968 to 1970? [21]
- Correct. [22]
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- You have an MBA and MPA from NYU? Q.
  - Correct.
- You served as an Adjunct Professor of [3]
- Economics and Political Science at the [4]
- [5] Universities Bridgeport and New Haven?
  - A. Correct.
- O. You were first elected to public
- office. I take it, in 1974 when you won election 181
- [9] to the Connecticut State House.
  - A. Correct.
- Q. You were involved, during your service [11]
- [12] in the Connecticut State House, in the
- redistricting process for 1980; is that right? [13]
- A. Only to the extent that I voted on [14]
- redistricting on the floor of The House.
- I was not one of the committee members.
- We had a panel of eight Republicans, excuse me,
- four Republicans and four Democrats, four
- Senators, and four House members, I think, so no
- more than any other member.
- Q. That is what I meant. Thank you for [21]
- [22] the clarification.

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- [1] The redistricting process that occurred
- in 1980, like every other redistricting process,
- allocates not only U.S. House seats, but state
- legislative seats; is that correct?
  - A. Correct.
- So, it is not exclusively a Federal 161 Q.
- [7]

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- [8] We voted on State House seats and, as
- required by law, on the Federal Congressional [9]
- districts. We voted on the State Senate seats as [11]
- [12] Q. Which one, which aspect of that, the state or the Federal, was more time consuming? [13]
- A. For me, it was not time consuming at [14]
- all. As I recall, I just had a vote on the floor. [15]
- Q. For the legislature generally, which [16]
- [17] was more time consuming?
- [18] A. I honestly don't know.
- I could try to remember this last time around. I think the legislature paid more
- attention to its state seats, and then after they
- [22] got a good idea of that, focused on the national.

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- There are certainly more state seats [1]
- that have to be allocated in Connecticut than 121
  - there are Federal Congressional seats?
- A. Correct. [4]
  - In 1987, as you testified earlier, you
- were elected to Congress from Connecticut's Fourth 161
- [7] District; correct?
- A. Correct. [8]
- What was the year again? [9]
- Q. 1987, August of 1987. [10]
  - Correct.
- Q. You served on the Financial Services [12]
- and Government Reform Committees? [13]

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- And Science Committee. [14]
- You are Chairman of the Subcommittee on Q. [15]
- National Security, International Relations, and [16]
- Veterans Affairs? 1171
- A. Correct. 1181
- O. Congressman, what brings us here today, [19]
- as you know, is the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act f201
- of 2002, sometimes known as the Shays Meehan bill.
- My client is principally concerned with

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- Title I of that statute which, as you know, is a
- broad prohibition on national parties soliciting,
- raising, accepting, spending, or directing any
- money not regulated by the Federal Election
- Campaign Act. [5]
- Is that your understanding of Title I? [6]
- A. Title I deals with the prohibition on [7]
- the part of the political parties and other [8]
- national parties raising corporate treasury money [9]
- and union dues money and unlimited sums from 1101
- [11] individuals.
- There is one portion of Title I that [12]
- deals with national parties and another portion [13]
- that deals with state parties; is that right? [14]
- Within Title I' 1157 A.
- [16] Q. Yes.
- Yes, I think that is correct. [17] A.
- You testified earlier that and I [18]
- [19] believe I wrote this down correctly the
- [20] advertisements, broadcast advertisements that you
- [21] and Mr. Cooper were talking about this morning
- [22] have the same, that it is the same effect by a

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- [1] union running an ad, running one of those ads as
- [2] \_giving money to a party.
- (3) You further said there is the same
- [4] electoral impact and such an ad creates the same
- [5] obligations insofar as government officials are
- concerned. **[61**

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- Does that accurately state your view? [7]
  - A. Yes; I mean in part, it does, yes.
- O. Am I correct that should the, that in 191
- [10] the event corporations, labor unions, and
- [11] well-heeled individuals were able to continue
- [12] funding these Electioneering Communications
- [13] without restriction, that, that could go a long
- way toward undermining Title I? [14]
- A. Let me make sure we agree on this [15]
- [16] issue. We wanted to enforce the 1907 law banning
- [17] corporate treasury money in campaigns and the 1947
- [18] law banning union dues money in campaigns and
- [19] enforce the 1974 law that requires individual contributions to be no more than a thousand. [20]
- When it came to the provision dealing
- with so-called issue ads that are really campaign

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- [1] ads, we require that there be no corporate money
- [2] or union dues money, but individuals are -
- [3] 60 days to an election, that would be hard

- [4] money but that individuals will still be able to run those ads.
- [6] O. So long as they are acting singularly rather than in a group? [7]
- A. Right, so long as they are not part of [8] a corporation. **[91**
- [10] O. With that qualification, am I correct
- [11] that without Title II, without the requirement
- that certain of these Electioneering 1121
- Communications within 60 days of an election be
- paid for with hard money, you personally would be
- concerned that the soft money no longer available
- to the political parties would simply filter out [16]
- to corporations, unions, and other interest (171 groups? [18]
- [19] A. Let me be very clear that I would still
- have voted for a bill that would have banned [20]
  - corporate treasury money, union dues money, and
- unlimited sums to the political parties even if

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- the issue ad provision was not part of the
- legislation because I think that is the worst of
- the problem, but that I think that it is a better
- bill because of the 60 day provision and the 30
- day provision. [5]
- Q. In your view, is there is no [6]
- inter-relationship between Title I and Title II? m
- A. I think the bill is strengthened by [8]
- looking at both the issue of how parties raise
- money and those issue ads, and I think it was made
- [11] a better bill by including a prohibition against
- [12] these ads. So, to that extent, there is that
- relationship. [13]
- Q. Title I has a provision relating to [14]
- [15] national parties and a provision relating to state
- parties. If there were no provision restricting
- national parties from receiving non-Federal money,
- would the ban on state party activities, certain
- activities be effective in your view? [19]
- [20] A. Give me an example of what you are
- making reference to. In other words, when you **[21]**
- [22] talk about non-Federal dollars, you define

- [1] non-Federal dollars as what?
  - Q. Any money that is not regulated by the Federal Election Campaign Act which is, as you
- say, the 1907, 1947, and the 1974 Acts.
- A. We wanted to make sure, in our law, 151 that Federal elected officials were not in the
- [6] business of asking corporations to contribute to
- campaigns; that they were not in the business of
- asking labor unions to contribute to campaigns.
- That was a key part of the legislation. [10]
- We wanted to make sure that Federal
- office holders were not asking corporations to
- contribute to state campaigns or labor unions; [13] [14] that we wanted elected officials to get into the
- [15] business of making a decision on policy, but not
- be in this incredible undertaking of asking a

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- [17] corporation or a labor union to contribute to
- [18] campaigns, be they Federal, state, or local.
- [19] We consider this a major part of the
- [20] bill because we believe the 1907 law made sense
- [21] and the 1947 law made sense. No corporate money,
- [22] no union dues money, and Members of Congress get

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- [1] out of this business.
- O. You are aware each of the 50 states has [3] a different campaign finance statute; correct?
- A. I am aware all 50 states have their own [4] election laws. [5]
- Q. You do understand it is within the province of the state legislatures to determine how races within that state, state races are going
- to be funded? A. We wanted very much to respect the [10] responsibilities of the states, and we wanted the [11]
- states to respect the responsibilities of the
- Federal Government. We focused on Federal
- elections, whether they occurred on the Federal
- level or on the state level. [15]
- Q. If it were the case, hypothetically, (161
- [17] that national parties were precluded from accepting these, for lack of a better term,
- non-Federal donations from unions, corporations,
- and unlimited individual donations, but state
- [21] parties could, would that be problematical in your
- [22] view?

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- MR. WITTEN: Maybe I misunderstood the [1] [2] question. I really got lost in the question.
- Would you have it read back.
- MR. BURCHFIELD: Do you understand the [4] question? [5]
- THE WITNESS: It would be helpful to [6] have you repeat it. [7]
- MR. BURCHFIELD: I will repeat it. [8]
- THE WITNESS: I think I did, but I [9]
- [10] think I had better not go on what I think.
- BY MR. BURCHFIELD: [11]
- Q. In the event that, hypothetically, [12]
- [13] national parties were prohibited from receiving
- donations not regulated by FECA, the Federal
- Election Campaign Act, but state parties were
- allowed to receive let me start over.
- In the event that national parties were
- prohibited from receiving donations not regulated
- by FECA, but state parties were not prohibited
- from doing so, is that a prescription for an [20]
- effective statute? [21]

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A. Let me just be clear on a few things.

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- [1] FECA is the 1974 law?
  - Q. Correct.
- A. If you are asking whether, in the [3]
- process of our prohibiting or enforcing rather the
- 1907 law banning corporate treasury money and the
- 1947 law banning union dues money, if that creates

- [7] a problem on the state level. I don't know how we
- [8] are going to answer if that is what you are
- asking.
  - Q. That is not exactly what I am asking.
- [11] Let me try it again.
- A. What would be helpful for me is to talk [12]
- in terms of what we did which is the, and not
- being an attorney, I call it corporate treasury
- money and union dues money. You will have a
- quicker answer from me because I will be able to
- understand your question better.
- Q. I will try to do that. [18] If national parties were prohibited
- from receiving corporate treasury money and union
- dues money, but state political parties were not
- [22] prohibited from receiving that money and could use

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- [1] it in connection with Federal elections, would the
- prohibitions on national parties be effective in
- [3] your view?
- [4] A. It would present some very significant
- [5] problems if corporate treasury money and union
- dues money were still allowed in Federal elections
- on the state level, and in large quantities, it
- would be a serious problem. [8]
- O. Conversely, if state parties were
- prohibited from receiving corporate treasury funds
- and union dues funds, but national parties were [11]
- [12] not, that would also have problems of efficacy,
- wouldn't it? [13]
- [14] A. I would have to understand a little
- more about the issue. You didn't say what kind of [15]
- election. Was it a state election or was it a
- Federal election? [17]

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- Q. For use in Federal elections.
- [19] A. The bottom line is it is important that
- corporate money not be in Federal elections, be they on the Federal level or on the state level;
- and it is important that Federal candidates such
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- [1] as myself not raise corporate money or union dues
- money on the Federal level or on the state level,
- either for Federal elections or even state
- One of the strengths of our bill, in my
- judgment, is that we get elected officials out of
- the business of asking corporations and unions for
- campaign money. 181
- My question is little simpler than that 191 though, and that is - let me just try it from a
- different angle in the event either the [11]
- national parties or the state parties were [12]
- restricted from raising and spending corporate [13]
- treasury funds and union dues funds for Federal
- [14]
- election activity, there would be the problem that [15]those entities would just direct their money [16]
- through the other entity; correct? [17]
- A. I think it is much better if both the [18]
- [19] state and the Federal Governments, even for

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[20]	Federal or state elections, don't raise corporate	[10]	(Whereupon a document was marked as
[21]	money.	[11]	Shays Deposition Exhibit Number 15.)
[22]	That is one of the reasons why I	[12]	DV MD DUDGUEIEI D.
	Page 160	[13]	BY MR. BURCHFIELD: Q. Congressman Shays, you have in front of
[1]	lobbied the State of Connecticut, to say don't get	[14]	Q. Congressman Shays, you have in front of you Exhibit 15.
[2]	into this business of raising corporate treasury	[15] [16]	A. I am looking for my signature.
[3]	money; it has weakened the national party; we have	[17]	MR. WITTEN: You didn't sign this.
[4]	become too dependent on it; we have become too	[18]	This is not ours. This is the response of the
[5]	addicted to it; don't you make the mistake on the state level because it is going to weaken our	[19]	Federal Election Commission.
[6]	political parties and it is going to start to	[20]	MR. BURCHFIELD: As indicated on the
[7]	corrupt the political process.	[21]	caption, but I want to ask you some questions.
[8] [9]	MR. BURCHFIELD: Let me ask the	[22]	THE WITNESS: I just want to explain
رد <sub>ا</sub> [10]	reporter to mark as our next exhibit Congressional		Page 163
[11]	Resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 175 from	[1]	this is a big document, so I was just trying to
[12]	July 11, 1958.	[2]	become familiar with it. Why don't you explain to
[13]	•••	[3]	me what this document is.
[14]	(Whereupon a document was marked as	[4]	MR. BURCHFIELD: I think your counsel
[15]	Shays Deposition Exhibit Number 14.)	[5]	probably explained to you when you answered certain requests for admissions. I have a couple
[16]	•••	(6)	of questions about this.
[17]	BY MR. BURCHFIELD:	[7]	THE WITNESS: Let me be really clear.
[18]	Q. Congressman Shays, you have been handed	[8] [9]	You are being very nice to me in letting me answer
[19]	Congressional Resolution, Flouse Concurrent	[10]	questions. I am not going to respond to any
[20]	Resolution 175, which I believe is still in effect. It is entitled "Code of Ethics for	[11]	question unless I am clear what the document is.
[21]	Government Service."	[12]	As my counsel was talking, I was looking for my
[22]	Page 161	[13]	signature thinking this is something I submitted.
[1]	Are you familiar with this resolution?	[14]	MR. BURCHFIELD: It is not something
(2)	A. Let me look at it, and I will tell you	[15]	you submitted.
[3]	if I familiar with it.	[16]	THE WITNESS: Hold on a second. I did
[4]	Q. I am especially interested in paragraph	[17]	not hear his full comment, so I am just making the
[5]	nine if you want to focus on that.	[18]	simple request to have you explain to me what I am
[6]	A. This is a little not printed well, but	[19]	looking at before I answer.  MR. BURCHFIELD: I thought I said, when
[7]	I can read it. I am just going to quickly look	[20] [21]	I handed the document, this is the response of the
[8]	through it. It talks about loyalty, the highest	[22]	Federal Election Commission to the request for
[9]	moral principles, uphold the constitution, laws, give a full day's labor for a full day's pay; seek	1227	Page 164
[10]	to find and employ more efficient economic ways;	(1)	admissions the Republican National Committee
[11] [12]	never discriminate.	[2]	served in this litigation.
[13]	Yes, I am familiar with this document.	[3]	I am entitled, Congressman, under the
[14]	Make no private promise of any kind;	[4]	rules, to ask you about this document. If you
[15]	engage in no business with the Government, either	[5]	want to take time to look at it, you may do so,
[16]	directly or indirectly, and never use any	[6]	but I do have some questions about it.
[17]	information coming to him confidentially, expose	[7]	THE WITNESS: Let me just say something, and we will have a much better
[18]	corruption, wherever discovered, uphold these	[8]	the state of the s
[19]	principles ever conscious that public office is	[9]	t itt to i-to-ment you and you
[20]	the public trust.	[10]	
[21]	I think these are all very important.	[11]	To the state of th
[22]	I'm sorry, I just marked this; I apologize. That Page 162	(13)	t
		[14]	
[1]	is what I did. Q. That is okay. It is now part of the	[15]	MR. BURCHFIELD: I believe I have.
[2]	Q. That is okay. It is now part of the official record.	[16]	THE WITNESS: I didn't hear it.
[3] [4]	A. What can I answer regarding this?	[17]	Because you spoke so quickly, I could not find it.
[4] [5]	MR. BURCHFIELD: I would ask the	[18]	I don't know if you are having trouble catching
(6)	reporter to mark as Exhibit 15 the Responses and	[19]	him in his words, but you are speaking too quickly
[7]	Objections of the Federal Election Commission to	[20]	for me and the way my mind works.
[8]	the RNC's Request for Admissions.	[21]	man army ICCC. II-14 a second I house
[9]		[22]	THE WITNESS: Hold on a second; I have
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- [1] not finished. I am just asking you to speak more
- [2] slowly.
- [3] MR. BURCHFIELD: I will try to do so.
- [4] THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- [5] BY MR. BURCHFIELD:
- [6] Q. These are the responses of the Federal
- [7] Election Commission to requests for admissions
- [8] that the Republican National Committee served on
- [9] them in this case, and I have a few questions
- [10] about them.
- [11] A. Sure.
- [12] Q. My first question concerns request for [13] admissions number one, which states (reading)
- [14] Defendants cannot identify any evidence that any
- [15] United States Senator changed his or her vote on
- [16] any legislation in exchange for a donation of
- [17] non-Federal money to that Senator's political
- [18] party (end reading). The FEC responded admitted
- [19] with respect to the evidence identified to date by
- (19) with respect to the evidence identified to
- [20] the FEC.
- [21] My question for you is: Can you
- [22] identify any instance in which a United States

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- [1] Senator changed his or her vote on any legislation
- [2] in exchange for a donation of non-Federal money to
- [3] that Senator's political party?
- [4] A. Before I answer that question, I was
- [5] still thinking about 14. Do you want me to answer
- [6] anything more about 14?
- [7] Q. Not at this time.
- [8] A. So, I can put this aside.
- [9] In regards to this, what page are we
- [10] referring to?
- [11] Q. Page 2; it is request for admission
- [12] one. Let me re-read it.
- [13] A. Just wait until I get it, and then we
- [14] can do it nicely. I am on page 2. It is down at
- [15] the bottom?

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- Q. That is correct.
- [17] Request for admission number one which
- [18] states (reading) Defendants cannot identify any
- [19] evidence that any United States Senator changed
- [20] his or her vote on any legislation in exchange for [21] a donation of non-Federal money to that Senator's
- [22] political party. Response, admitted with respect

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- [1] to evidence identified to date by the FEC (end
- [2] reading).

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- [3] My question for you is: Can you
- [4] identify any evidence that a United States Senator
- [5] changed his or her vote on any legislation in
- [6] exchange for a donation of non-Federal money to
- [7] that Senator's political party?
- [8] A. First, tell me who the defendants are.
- [9] I don't know who the defendants are. Is that me?
  - O. That includes you.
- [11] A. So, it is referring to me and others
- [12] who are defending this case. (Reading) Cannot

- [13] identify any evidence that any United States
- [14] Senator changed his or her vote on any legislation
- [15] in exchange for a donation of non-Federal money to
- 16) that Senator's political party (end reading).
- [17] Your question is: Am I aware of any
- [18] Senator who changed their vote?
  - Q. Correct.
    - A. Well, the answer to your question is I
- [21] don't know how they were going to vote in the
- [22] first place.

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- [1] I am not sure the word change is very
- helpful, so I cannot respond to change because I
- [3] would have to know how they were going to vote
- [4] versus how they decided to vote.
- [5] Q. So, your answer is you cannot identify [6] any such evidence?
- [7] A. I don't understand it. It doesn't make
- [8] sense to me. Changed from what?
- [9] Q. Let me ask you to look at number two 10] (reading) Defendants cannot identify any evidence
- that any member of the United States House of
- [12] Representatives changed his or her vote on any
- [13] legislation in exchange for a donation of
- [14] non-Federal money to that Congressman's political
- [15] party. The Federal Election Commission responded
- [16] admitted with respect to evidence identified to
- [17] dated with the FEC (end reading).
- [18] The question for you is: Can you
- [19] identify any evidence or any instance in which a
- [20] Congressman has changed his or her vote on any
- [21] election in exchange for a donation of non-Federal
- [22] money to that Congressman's political party?

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- A. I want to be responsive to your
- [2] question, but I want to understand something
- [3] first. This is the FEC saying something about me
- [4] and in what document are they referring to any
- [5] document that I have filled out?
- Q. They are not responding on behalf of
- you, Congressman. I am asking you to respond on
- [8] behalf of you.
- [9] A. I am just saying to you I thought you
- [10] said defendants cannot identify, and I thought you
- [11] told me I am a defendant. So, they are
- [12] volunteering this information. May I ask my
- [13] counsel -
- [14] MR. WITTEN: Can I try to explain it on
- [15] the record?
- [16] MR. BURCHFIELD: I will explain it.
- [17] The FEC responded for itself. I am asking you -
- [18] MR. WITTEN: I don't think he
- [19] understands the question. The form is a request
- [20] for admission. If you would explain what the
- [21] assertion is and how it fits into the case, I [22] think it would be helpful.

- [1] THE WITNESS: I am not an attorney. I
  - don't know if I said that.

- MR. BURCHFIELD: [ understand. We [3]
- [4] tendered to all the defendants in this case -
- THE WITNESS: I don't know what [5]
- [6] tendered means.
- MR. BURCHFIELD: We provided to all the [7]
- [8] defendants in this case, under the Federal Rules
- [9] of Civil Procedure, which are the rules governing
- this action, a number of propositions that we
- asked them to admit or deay. This is a [11]
- [12] proposition, and I am showing you the FEC's
- response. [13]

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- THE WITNESS: Is the FEC a defendant?
- MR. BURCHFIELD: Yes. [15]
- [16] THE WITNESS: I didn't know that. I'm-
- [17] sorry. I just need to explain something to you.
- [18] I thought you were making reference to me. You
- [19] speak in legal terms, and you have to understand I
- don't quite understand.
- [21] I was answering this question saying
- [22] how could they speak for me. The FEC is a

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- defendant. They responded they could not. Now
- [2] you are asking me the same question they were [3] asked?
- MR. BURCHFIELD: Correct. [4]
- THE WITNESS: I apologize. I don't [5]
- 161 want you to think I tried to be difficult. I just
- m didn't understand.
- MR. BURCHFIELD: Very well. If you.
- [9] need an explanation, let me know and I will try to explain it to you. [10]
- 1111 BY MR. BURCHFIELD:
- [12] Q. The question for you is, Congressman
- Shays, as stated here, and you can follow along -[13]
  - A. I understand now.
- [14] Q. - can you identify any evidence that [15]
- any member of the United States House of [16]
- Representatives changed his or her vote on any
- legislation in exchange for a donation of
- non-Federal money to that congressman's political
- [20] party?

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- [21] I will say no to that question -Α.
- Could you turn to page 6, please. [22]

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- but there is more to the story. A.
- We may very well get to the rest of the story, but for now, let's try to stay focused on
- [4] these questions if we can.
  - A. Sure.
- Number 23 says and this is page 6,
- [7] and this is directed to the Federal Election
- [8] Commission (reading) The Federal Election
- [9] Commission can identify no evidence that in
- [10] exchange for a contribution of Federal funds, the
- [11] Republican National Committee ever attempted to
- [12] change the position of a Federal candidate or
- [13] office holder on pending legislation (end
- reading). The FEC admitted that.
- [15] Let me now ask you: Car you identify

- [16] any evidence?
- [17] Let me ask it in two separate steps.
- [18] In exchange for a donation of Federal
- funds, hard money, has the Republican National
- Committee ever attempted to change your vote on
- any pending legislation? [21]
- Has the Federal party given me money to [22]

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- [1] have me vote a particular way? Is that your
- question?
  - Q. Yes.
    - A. Absolutely not.
- Q. Are you aware of anyone giving the
- [6] Republican National Committee money in order to
- have it try to influence you to vote a particular
- (81

[3]

[4]

[9]

[16]

[20]

[22]

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- A.
- You asked me, but let me just make sure [10]
- we are clear on this. It was made clear to a
- number of my colleagues if they voted for the
- campaign finance reform, they would get no [13]
- campaign contributions. [14]
- Q. Who told them that? [15]
  - I am not quite sure who told them that. A.
- [17] They were told if you vote for this
- bill, we are not going to be able to help you. [18]
- Someone from the RNC told them that? [19]
  - I don't know if it was the RNC or A.
- leadership. [21]
  - Do you know who told them that? Q.

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- Α.
  - Q. How do you know of this story?
- [3] Because I try to know where our votes
- [4] are.
- There were some members who could not [5]
- vote for the bill because they were told they
- would not become chairmen of committees. There [7]
- were some members who told me they could not vote
- for this bill because they were told if they voted [9] 1011
- for this bill, they would not get campaign
- [11] contributions.
- I don't think that surprises you. I [12]
- [13] don't think you are surprised to know that.
- [14] Q. What is the name of one of the
- congressmen who told you they would not become a [15]
- 1161 committee chair if they voted for this bill?
- A. Let me be really clear. I am not going [17]
- [18] to go down that road. I am not going to mention a
- member's name, but it was no accident for me that when I moved this bill and this bill was moved on
- [21] the floor on the House, there was a nice story in
- The Hill that suggested that one member of

- [1] Congress was going to become the Chairman of the
- [2] Government Reform Committee, and I think I am
- [3] probably next in line to be the chairman.
- [4] It was not lost on me that some Members
- of Congress who had voted for the bill in the

- [6] previous years said to me that they wanted to be
- chairman of a particular committee and they were
- told if they supported the bill, they would not
- even be considered. There were more than one. I
- [10] don't know how more plain I can be.
- [11] We lost votes on our final passage
- [12] because some members feared that if they voted for
- [13] this bill, they would not be considered for
- [14] chairman of a particular committee, and you know,
- [15] that is the reality of it.
- [16] I understood and I accepted the fact
- they would not be voting for the bill even though
- they had supported it in previous years. That is
- raw politics.
- Congressman Shays, this statute passed [20]
- in some analogous form -[21]
- Which statute? [22]

- O. The statute we are here to talk about 111
- [2] today, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002.
- [3] It passed Congress in the House. It
- [4] passed the House in prior years in slightly
- different form; is that right? (5)
- A. Slightly different, but it was pretty [6]
- [7] much the same.
- Q. Can you name one Member of Congress (8)
- [9] was denied campaign funds as a result of the vote
- [10] for the bill in any of those prior years?
- A. I won't name any names of any member in [11] this deposition. I am not going down that road.
- Q. Well, understand we do have a [13]
- confidentiality order here and this is not a
- public proceeding.
- A. I want you to understand without any [16]
- [17] question that I intend not to name any Member of
- [18] Congress.
- This is a process that corrupts so many
- members, and I am not about to go down the route
- [21] when members have told me, one, they could not
- [22] support the bill because if they supported the

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- [1] bill, they would lose campaign funds; and I am not
- [2] going to tell you the members who said they cannot
- [3] vote for the bill because if they vote for the
- [4] bill, they are not in the running to be chairman.
- [5] I had one of those individuals show me
- [6] the article that was so well timed. He said
- [7] Chris, you are out of the running now; you are not
- going to be the next chairman because of what you
- have done in campaign finance reform. **[9]** 
  - Who is the chairman now? Q.
- [11] A. His terms expires, his name is Dan
- [12] Burton.

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- The Government Reform Committee, next [13]
- time around, I will have served on the committee [14]
- more than any other member. I am next in line. [15]
- Q. Mr. Shays or Congressman Shays, [16]
- understand I am here to ask you questions about [17]

- [18] specific historical fact and if there is a
- specific historical fact. I will ask you
- questions concerning your opinion, and I don't
- [21] doubt you will give me a full and fair recitation
- [22] of your opinion that you have so far.

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- [1] I will ask you questions about
- historical fact, and I believe it is your logal
- obligation to answer those questions. So, let me
- just make clear that I have asked you for
- identification of any specific individual who was
- told he or she would not receive campaign funding
- if they voted for this bill in any of the past
- three sessions of Congress.
- A. I understand what you are asking me to 191
- [10] do, and I think you understand I am not going down
- that road. I am not going to name -[11]
  - Q. I just want the record to be clear.
- [13] sir.

[12]

- I am not going to name any Member of A. [14]
- Congress. [15]
- Q. I just wanted the record to be clear on [16]
- that, and I think it is now. [17]
  - A. I want the record to be very clear that
- [18] I worked on this legislation in 1998; on a
- bipartisan basis in 1999; and the year 2002, when
- we passed it. I have had experience after
- experience about why members could support the

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- [1] legislation or why they could not.
- [2] I had some members say they could not.
- support it because they were told they would not
- get the support of the Republican National
- Committee; they would not get the support of the
- [6] Congressional Campaign Committee, the Republican
- Congressional Campaign Committee; and I had
- members tell me, more than one who had voted for
- the bill in 1999, they could not vote for it this
- time and they hoped I understood, but if they
- voted for it, they would not be considered for
- chairmanship of a major committee.
- I accepted that as the reality of
- blatant hard ball politics, sadly, on the part of
- my own party. [15]
- O. If I were to go, Congressman, and find [16]
- the list it is probably a fairly short list -[17]
- of congressmen who previously voted for your bill
- and then voted against it this time and then
- simply performed the act of determining from
- Federal Election Commission records whether they
- have received financial support from the political

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- party, I can determine the accuracy of this
- statement; is that right? [2]
  - A. In some cases, you could; but in some
- cases, there were members who wanted to vote for
- the bill who didn't vote for it in the past who
- said they could not vote for it.
- Let me be really clear. There were a

[3]

- [8] lot of members who wanted to vote for this bill on
- [9] my side of the aisle, the Republican side of the
- [10] aisle, who didn't vote for it because it was the
- [11] party's position to oppose this.
- [12] I cannot be more strong y emphatic
- [13] about the fact that it is a very difficult thing
- [14] for me to understand why my political party thinks
- [15] it needs corporate treasury money to be a viable
- [16] party.
- [17] I am also going to say I have
- [18] tremendous respect for you as counsel, but it
- pains me that my own party is here attacking this
- law. We need corporate treasury money, we need
- [21] union dues money to be a viable party?
- [22] I hope not. I don't think we do, but

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- [1] that is what they told my colleagues and that is
- how they got some of them to vote for it. [2]
- O. Congressman, as I am sure you are 131
- [4] aware, there are usually two sides to every issue.
- [5] I am here representing one side of the issue. You
- [6] are here representing another side. I certainly
- [7] respect your views. I would hope that you would
- [8] respect what I am trying to do here as well.
- A. I totally respect what you are trying [9]
- to do. For me, this was up close and personal [10]
- [11] because I was not a passive participant.
- [12] I spoke with so many members on my side
- of the aisle who wanted to vote for this bill, but
- [14] didn't feel they could because it either was not
- [15] the party position or because they feared they
- [16] might not become chairman of a committee or they
- [17] feared they might not get financial help. I think
- that is a pretty sad commentary on the political
- process. [19]
- **F201** You made reference to this
- (indicating). I made a decision that the way I **[211**
- was going to get at political corruption was to

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- work on this legislation. I believe with all my
- heart and soul that the best way to get at
- political corruption is to change the system that [3]
- is corrupting us. [4]
- MR. WITTEN: When the witness referred 151
- to this, he was referring to Exhibit 14. 161
- BY MR. BURCHFIELD: ומו
- Q. Congressman Shays, have you reported [8]
- [9] any of the individuals that you have in mind as
- [10] having changed their position or not come forward
- [11] with the position that they wanted to vindicate in
- [12] connection with your legislation to the Ethics
- [13] Committee as a result of those episodes?
- A. Absolutely not for a variety of [14]
- [15] reasons.
- [16] Have you reported any of them to the
- Federal Election Commission? [17]
- A. Absolutely not.
- First off, I would think twice before I
- [20] did anything before the Federal Elections

- [21] Commission.
- Q. Have you reported any of them to the [22]

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- [1] Department of Justice?
  - A. Absolutely not.
- Have you reported any of them to any [3]
- entity? 141

[2]

- A. No. (51
- Have you exposed any of them pursuant Q. 161
- to paragraph nine of the House Concurrent-171
- Resolution 175? [8]
- 191 A. My way of responding to that resolution
- is to clean up a corrupt system. I think too many
- members become corrupted by this process, and I
- felt that is the best way to abide by my
- responsibilities as Member of Congress. [13]
- Let me say this to you: These are [14]
- individuals who volunteered this information. [15]
- [16] Think of all the others who didn't.
- Q. I am still waiting on the names of the
- [17]
- individuals; I'm sorry. [18]
- [19] A. You are not going to get the names of [20] the individuals. There is not a chance in hell
- [21] that you will get the names of any individuals.
- [22] These are good people who are caught up in a

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- [1] corrupt system.
- Q. Congressman, I appreciate that, [2]
- A. ... You know what? You would not want [3]~
- their names. 141
- Q. Congressman, I appreciate what you are [5]
- saying and -[6] A. I would sooner lose an election:
- [7] If you want to take me before the
- Ethics Commission, you may do that. I would
- sooner be condemned by my own Ethics Commission [10]
- in
- the House of Representatives than to expose the [11] names of any of these members. [12]
- [13] Q. Congressman, let me just say - this is
- not a question, but I do think it is probably [14] worth me saying - I have always been an admirer
- [15] of yours. I admire your stance on this issue. I 1161
- [17]
- happen to disagree with it, but I admire your
- stance on this issue. [18]
- Please understand I am not trying to do
- anything to harm you either politically or
- [21] personally, but this is the way the legal process
- [22] in this country works. It works on the basis of

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- facts and facts, as I understand them, are
- propositions of historical fact: John did "X" at
- "Y" time. [3]
- A. Let me just say this to you. [4]
- Let me finish. 0. [5]
- I'm sorry. [6] Α.
- Q. John did "X" at "Y" time that is a m
- fact. It is in my experience that in asking about
- the facts, good judicial decisions are made. That

[3]

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- [10] is what I am doing right now. So, I respect your
- [11] decision not to answer the question. I don't
- [12] agree with it, but I respect it.
- [13] I think it is fair for you to
- understand that if you come forward with general [14]
- assertions on these facts and you have not 1151
- answered our questions on them, we are going to [16]
- ask The Court not to consider your testimony here. [17]
- MR. WITTEN: I am going to intercede [18]
- here. I think the record is amply clear on both [19]
- sides, and I would ask Mr. Burchfield to just move [20]
- on to whatever his next topic is. [21]
- THE WITNESS: I am going to reject one [22]

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- [1] of your requests and just say it is a fact that I
- had Members of Congress say to me they could not
- support this legislation because they feared they
- may not become chairman of a committee and were
- told that by other Members of the Congress, the
- Conference.
- They were told they would not get [7]
- financial help if they supported this bill. That
- is a fact. The only dispute we have is you want
- me to name names, and I have no intention of [101
- 1111 hurting these people.
- MR. BURCHFIELD: I understand. [12]
- THE WITNESS: Okay. [13]
- BY MR. BURCHFIELD: [14]
- [15] Q. Congressman, since you began your
- career in public elected life, you have identified [16]
- yourself, you self-identified yourself as a
- Republican; is that correct? [18]
- [19] A. I am a Republican.
- [20] Q. You are proud of being a fiscal
- [21] conservative; is that correct?
- I am proud of being a Republican. I am [22]

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- proud of a whole host of reasons of why I am a
- Republican, but I am not proud of the fact that my
- Republican Party has decided to contest this law
- [4] and be one of the plaintiffs. I am not proud of
- [5] that at all.
- I am not proud of the fact that my
- party thinks it needs corporate treasury money or ולו
- union dues money to survive. I am not proud of [8]
- that. [9]
- MR. BURCHFIELD: Roger, can we take a [10]
- break? [11]
- MR. WITTEN: Sure. [12]
- [13] (Discussion held off the record.)
- [14]
- (Whereupon a document was marked as [15]
- Shays Deposition Exhibit Number 16.) [16]
- [17]
- BY MR. BURCHFIELD: [18]
- [19] Q. Congressman Shays, I have handed you
- Exhibit 16, and I will hand copies to your 1201
- counsel. This is an article that recently
- appeared in "The Washington Post." You were

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- [1] quoted in the very last paragraph of the article.
- [2] You may feel to read -
  - A. The very last paragraph?
  - as much or as little of this as you
- want, but my question for you concerns the last
- paragraph which says, quote. The outside groups
- are going to be able to raise more money than they
- have in the past, unquote. Said Representative
- Christopher Shays, quote, That doesn't bother me. [9]
- A. I am going to have to read the whole [10]
- article if you don't mind. [11]
  - Very well. Q.
    - A. I will read it quietly.
- Thank you for giving me the time to [14]
- [15] read this. What would you like to know?
- [16] Q. My question is: Can you confirm the
- [17] accuracy of the quotation attributed to you in the
- [18] last paragraph, which quotes you as saying the
- outside groups are going to be able to raise more
- [20] money than they have in the past; that doesn't
- [21] bother me?
  - A. I can confirm I responded to this

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- reporter by saying to her that interest groups
- [2] have a right to petition their government, and I
- have never taken the view that it has been wrong
- for interest groups of whatever persuasion to
- petition the government to advertise and so on.
- She said well, won't these groups
- advertise more than in the past. I said yes, and
- I said that doesn't bother me. [8]
- Under the statute, under the Bipartisan [9]
- [10] Campaign Reform Act, Congressman Shays - putting
- aside for the moment the restriction on the
- Electioneering Communications there are no
- [13] restrictions under the statute, are there, on
- interest groups' ability to engage in
- non-broadcast, get out the vote activities right
- up until the day of the election? 1161 [17]
  - A. I think that is correct.
- [18] Q. There are no restrictions on their
- ability to engage in print advertising right up
- [20] until the day of the election?
- [21] A. Can I say I am just a little concerned
- with no restrictions because there may be some,

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- but if you are asking in the context of, I mean
- they may have to give me an example of a group. [2]
- [3] Q. Let me give you a hypothetical example
- and feel free to tell me that either it cannot [4]
- [5] happen under the statute or perhaps that I am
- [6] correct that it can happen under the statute.
- [7] The American Federation of Labor
- airs millions of dollars worth of broadcast
- Electioneering Communications up until the 61st
- [10] day before a Congressional election in that
- [11] district.
- [12] On the 60th day, they begin spending

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- their money on get out the vote activities such as [13]
- door-to-door communications, phone banks, direct
- [15] mail, slate cards, busing people to the polls.
- That scenario is not precluded by the
- [17]: statute; is that correct?
- A. The AFL CIO on the Chamber of [18] Commerce.
- [19] 60 days before an election, would be able to
- [20] run 61 days before an election would be able to
- [21] run broadcast; but 60 days on, they would not be
- [22] able to do broadcast, radic or TV. That is

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- [1] correct.
- [2] If you are asking me if they can, if a
- corporation can take its money and communicate [3]
- with its workers or if the AFI. CIO can take its
- money and communicate with its membership, the
- answer is yes, they can do that. [6]
- MR. WITTEN: Before the next question, ולזו
- [8] I want to consult with the witness first.
- (Counsel consults with the Witness.) [9]
- THE WITNESS: I would like to make sure [10]
- [11] that, that comment is not taken out of context.
- [12] In the sense that 60 days to att
- [13] election, they are prohibited, whether it is the
- [14] AFL CIO or the broadcasters, they are prohibited
- [15] from using corporate treasury money or union dues
- [16] money if they mention a candidate's name.
- [17] So, I hope that we put it in that
- [18] context. I don't think that was the thrust you
- were going, but I would not like that answer I [19]
- gave to be taken out of context.
- MR. BURCHFIELD: No, and I think you
- [22] and I are understanding, but let me ask the

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- [1] question, and feel free to qualify the question
- with anything further you want. I am concerned.
- well, let me just ask the question. [3]
- BY MR. BURCHFIELD: [4]
- Q. Is it your understanding under the [5]
- Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act that a union or a
- [7] corporation could air broadcast electioneering ads
- [8] up until the 61st day before the General Election
- [9] and then thereafter use phone banks, door-to-door
- [10] visits, direct mail, or other mechanisms that did
- [11] not expressly advocate the election or defeat of a
- [12] clearly identified Federal candidate and pay for
- [13] all of that with corporate treasury funds or union
- [14] dues money?
- A. I think I can be very responsive to [15]
- [16] this question, but I want to say to you than
- [17] 61 days before an election, they can mention the
- [18] candidate's name, have it clearly be a campaign
- [19] ad.
- 60 days to the election, they would
- [21] have to run those ads not with corporate treasury
- money or union dues money. I think that was not

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[1] the part you wanted to focus on -

- Correct.
- [3] Α. - but in terms of, we believe under
- [4] our law that a corporation has a constitutional
- right to communicate with its workers, and a union
- has the constitutional right to use union dues to
- communication with its membership 60 days to the
- election and even before. They have always had [8]
- that right, and we didn't attempt to change that. 191
- Q. They can use any source of funds at any [10]
- [11] time to communicate with their membership in the case of the union, or their restricted class of [12]
- employees if they are a corporation; is that [13]
- right? [14]
- [15] Α. Let me just say if they start to get
- [16] into campaign activity, I think the Federal
  - Elections Commission is going to step in if there
- starts to be campaign expenditures.
- One of the challenges has to be that [19]
- the FEC enforces the law that already exists, and
- unfortunately, they have done a very bad job of
- [22] it.

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- Q. Is it not your understanding,
- Congressman, and I am trying to be accurate with
- this question -
  - A. I understand.
- Q. is it not your understanding that a [5]
- corporation or a union can communicate with its
- restricted class on any subject at any time,
- including express advocacy, using any source of
- funds whatsoever under current law? [9]
- A. I could be wrong on this, but it is my [10] sense that under current law, there are some [11]
- activities that are happening under labor that the [12]
- FEC has tolerated because it has ignored it, but [13]
- it is truly campaign activity. [14]
- [15] Q. There seems to be that wildly shared
- view on our side of the fence. [16]
  - A. Okay.
- Q. To whatever degree that is or is not [18]
- going on and to whatever degree it is or is not [19]
- f201 legal under current law, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act does not do anything to address
- non-broadcast activities of these interest groups

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- within 60 days of the election cycle; right?
- A. It is my understanding that our law [2]
- does not address that issue, but it is my [3]
- understanding that if we had a Federal Elections [4] Commission that did its job, a lot of that [5]
- activity would not be allowed. [6]
- Q. Congressman, you have appeared at [7]
- events for major donors of the Republican National [8]
- Committee in the past, haven't you? 191
  - A. Correct.
- [11] I would like to think I am a good and
- faithful Republican. I have attended Republican
- events like everyone else, so I make that
- [14] assumption that you are talking about the -

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- 1151 Q. The gala.
- A. - the galas. I have been there. 1161
- [17] They usually put me in the last table
- farthest away from the activity.
- Q. I thought that is where I was. We [19]
- should probably be at the same table. [20]
- A. We might. The only difference is I am [21]
- an elected official. [22]

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- Q. That can have differences, I would say.
- [2] Did you go to the gala this past
- [3] spring?
- A. I didn't attend the Senate, House gala. [4]
- [5] I attended one the fall before at the Armory, but
- [6] I didn't make that. I was not able to be there.
- [7] I did commit to buying a table, and I
- [8] only did that after I was given a list of soft
- money donors. When I proceeded to look at the
- [10] list, I realized I could not call any of them up,
- [11] corporate folks, and realized the only way I could
- [12] be a good and faithful Republican was to just try
- [13] to raise that money through hard money
- [14] contributions, so that is what I have committed to
- [15] do.
- [16] In the next two weeks, they have given
- [17] me time to raise that money, and I will be making
- that contribution. So, I bought a table; I didn't
- [19]
- Q. Do you recall attending the Republican [20]
- [21] National Committee gala in -
- [22] I'have attended a number.

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- May of 2001? [1]
- I don't know what days, but if your
- [3] point is have I been to them, have I attended,
- [4] yes. It doesn't really matter to me which one
- unless it matters to you. [5]
- Q. Let me just ask you: Do you recall [6]
- attending one in the spring of 2001? [7]
- [8] A. If you tell me where it was, I could
- probably answer your question. If you tell me who
- was the speaker, that might help. I attended a
- [11] gala at the Armory where the President spoke early
- after he was elected, I think in the fall of that
- year or maybe the spring of his first year. Dick
- Cheney and the President spoke. [14]
- Q. Do you recall who you sat with at that [15]
- [16] gala?
- A. No. (17)
- Usually, they don't have me sit next to [18]
- anyone who is from my district. Candidly, it is a
- source of frustration for me. So when I go to
- those events, I am usually there with someone who
- [22] cares about the party, and I want to be responsive

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- [1] and I interact with them, but they are not
- generally my own constituents.
- [3] Q. Do you recall any of those people that
- [4] you sat with?

- Their names? A.
- Yes. Q.
- No. m A.
- I remember, years ago, a gentleman who
- was from Alaska. He had a Rolex watch, and he
- made his money through with diamonds all over
- it he made his money renting property to the
- people working on the pipeline. He was a lovely
- man, but candidly, I don't remember.
- [14] If you have a particular one and you
- [15] want to ask me about people, I will try to
- [16] remember.
- Q. Do you remember any of the things that [17]
- you discussed when you have attended these [18]
- dinners? [19]

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- A. You know, I do remember. It is
- interesting now. I am remembering the people at
- [22] the, I call it the Armory. It is near the

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- [1] baseball, the Kennedy center.
- There were two individuals who were in
- [3] business together and they had become quite
- successful. I am forgetting what they did, but I
- honestly the answer to your question is I don't
- really have much recollection. 161
- Q. Do you recall any instance in which, [7]
- while sitting at one of these dinners, someone
- seated at your table tried to discuss a
- legislative issue with you? [10]
- A. I have been at tables where people have [11]
- tried to discuss and discussed legislative issues,
- but they have talked about the President; they
- have talked about the party, are we going to win?
- It is all the, you know, legislation; how is the
- party doing; you know, about my own personal life,
- the works. [17]
- Q. Any particular instance, let me be more [18]
- [19] precise here, any particular instance that you can
- recall in which someone seated at your table
- brought up a legislative topic in the context of
  - trying to influence you in some way as to how you Page 200
  - would vote on that topic?
- A. I am sure there have been people that [2]
- have asked me how to vote. My antenna didn't go
- up and say oh my gosh, this is an uncomfortable
- conversation. I mean there was nothing like that.
- There was nothing that the answer is no.
- All the conversations were relatively
- enjoyable, about a whole host of different things,
- but they were people who felt passionately about a
- lot of different issues and they spoke to me about [10]
- those issues, but nothing that I would have said [11]
- gosh, this is not right. I feel anybody has a [12]
- [13] right to ask you about anything.
- Q. Even me? [14]
  - Yes, even you as long as I understand
- [16] what you are asking.
- MR. WITTEN: I object to the question, [17]

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BY MR. BURCHFIELD:

- Q. Can you recall any particular incident [20]
- [21] in which a person seated at your table raised with
- [22] you an issue then pending before you as a

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- congressman in the context of that person trying
  - to sway your vote in the context of these dinners?
- A. Maybe I can cut through this. Whether
- [4] it is a big gala or a fund ruiser, I might have,
- [5] or an event for someone else, there is always
- [6] going to be dialogue about legislation.
- [7] I am a big boy. I mean this is part of
- [8] the process, and I am not uncomfortable by someone...
- [9] asking me about legislation or telling me what
- [10] they think.
- [11] If someone came with hard money, that
- [12] is going happen. If they came with soft money,
- [13] that is going to happen. In terms of a dialogue
- [14] at a table, nothing I can think of makes me
- [15] uncomfortable about any dia ogue.
- Q. Did you or your staff give preference [16]
- [17] to any of the people that sat with you at these
- tables in terms of meetings or consultations
- concerning legislative activities? [19]
- A. No. [20]
- [21] You know, I would probably have said at
- [22] any table if you want to come and have a tour of

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- [1] the Capitol, I am sure I would be happy to show.
- [2] you around or someone on my staff, but it would
- only be in that kind of context.
- [4] Have I answered your question?
- [5] Q. I believe so; I believe so.
- A. I want to say to you I appreciate the
- people that are willing to go to these events. [7]
- They come from all over the country. I would like
- to think it is done with hard money, but in some
- [10] cases, I know that some of the money that is at
- [11] these events are soft money.
- [12] You know, I had to decide at one time
- [13] if I would go to an event that had soft money
- [14] raised, and I said, you know, I am a Member of
- [15] Congress; I have got to have this interaction; I
- [16] have got to do my part with the party. I just
- [17] make sure that if I go to an event or if I raise
- [18] money, it is raised with hard money. You know,
- these are good people from all around the country. [19]
- [20] When you go to one of these events, the O.
- people you sit with are not always the people you
- [22] have asked for contributions, are they?

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- A. This is an easy one for me to answer. [1]
- [2] I have not made a point of raising money for these
- [3] events. I decided that I needed to do that
- [4] especially if I have been a supporter of reform in
- [5] the system because I want people to know the
- [6] system can work without having to raise soft
- [7] money.

- [8] I had a shock when I realized I was
- supposed to ask for soft money, but I realized I
- can do more to be a better player of support of my
- party and raise those campaign dollars to help
- myself, to help other people. [12]
- Q. Let me just make the question a little [13]
- [14] bit more clear.
- When you have made calls to raise hard
- money for these events -[16]
  - A. Right.
- [18] Q. - the people that sat at your table
  - are not necessarily the ones that you have called
- [20] to raise that money?
- [21] A. Well, no.
- I realize you are challenging. You are [22]

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- [1] looking at a Member of Congress who has said he
- [2] has been here 16 years, so he must have had
- experiences like almost anyone else.
- I need to be really clear with you. I
- [5] have not raised money for these big events until
- this last event, so I have never had that **[6]**
- circumstance. [7]
- I have raised money in other ways. I [8]
- [9] have given to the NRCC. I have given money to
- individual candidates, but I have not really 1101
- participated in the fundraising of these events.
- I felt that I needed to, so I did the last time. [12]
- The last time, I was not at the event. [131
- The people who ended up going I did not buy the [14]
- [15] tickets because I didn't sell them by then. So.
- the people who basically are contributing are the
- [17] people who are contributing to my Americans for
- Common Sense Government PAC. So, none of them [18]
- was
- [19] there. Does that help you? [20]
  - Q. I think so.
- In the prior instances in which you [21]
- have attended one of these dinners and I [22]

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- understand that until recently you were not
- actively engaged in the fund raising did you [2]
- know which of the people sitting at your table [3]
- were hard money donors as opposed to soft money [4]
- [5] donors?
- [6] A. I not only didn't know if they were hard money donors or soft money donors, I was not [7]
- even basically told who I was sitting with.
- I would go there and go to a table, and
- in most of the instances, for whatever reason, I
- was kind of on the edge of the event. I didn't [11]
- feel I was kind of in the center or in the thick [12]
- of it. [13]
- [14] I knew there were lots of constituents
- from my district, but I guess because I didn't ask them for their contribution, I was not sitting at
- their table or they didn't choose to sit with me
- [18] at my table for whatever reason.
- Q. I am sure it is the former reason and [19]

- [20] not the latter.
- [21] A. I hope so.
- [22] MR. BURCHFIELD: Congressman, you had

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- [1] mentioned before that you hold the I don't want
- [2] to mischaracterize what you said but you
- [3] attributed the advent of soft money to actions by
- [4] the Federal Election Commission.
- [5] I would like to show you a comment of
- [6] the Federal Election Commission about soft money
- [7] from its 20th Annual Report, which I will ask the
- [8] reporter to mark Shays Exhibit 17.
- [9] ---
- [10] (Whereupon a document was marked as
- [11] Shays Deposition Exhibit Number 17.)
- [12] ---
- [13] THE WITNESS: If you would, tell me [14] what this document is.
- [15] BY MR. BURCHFIELD:
- [16] Q. This is the, for the record, this is
- [17] the 20 Year Report by the Federal Election
- [18] Commission published in April 1995. To be more
- [19] precise, it is one chapter out of a much longer
- [20] report published by the FEC in April 1995. It is
- [21] a publicly available document. Feel free to
- [22] thumb, as you are, through the document.

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- [1] A. Tell me the purpose of this document.
- [2] Q. Well, I am not sure I can, but my
- [3] understanding, sir, is the Federal Election
- [4] Commission, every year, publishes an annual
- [5] report, and this is the 20th Annual Report.
- [6] I am looking at page 4 up in the
- [7] right hand corner, you will see page numbers -
- [8] under the heading Soft Money. The paragraph I am
- [9] interested in states (reading) Soft money is one
- [10] of the most difficult issues the Commission has
- [11] addressed during the last 20 years. The origins
- [12] of soft money lie in the United States' Federal
- [13] system of government.
- [14] The Constitution grants each state the
- [15] right to regulate certain activities within that
- [16] state. In the area of campaign finance, each
- [17] state may establish its own rules for financing
- [18] the non-Federal elections held within its borders.
- [19] As a result, committees that support
- [20] both Federal and non-Federal candidates frequently
- [21] must adhere to two different sets of campaign
- [22] finance rules, Federal and state. Sometimes,

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- [1] cities and counties create yet a third set of
- [2] rules governing the financing of local elections
- [3] (end reading).
- [4] Let me stop there and ask you if you
- [5] were able to follow along as I read that.
- [6] A. Sure.

[7]

[9]

- Q. I tried to read it slowly.
- [8] A. Thank you very much.
  - Q. My question for you is: Is it your

- 10] understanding that soft money, quote, unquote,
- 11] soft money arose in some measure because of the
- [12] variations in campaign finance laws among the
- [13] various states?
- [14] A. My response to you is the FEC had the
- [15] ability to rein in soft money and chose basically
- [16] to let it devour the 1974 law.
- [17] Whereas when I started out in my
- [18] political career, corporate money and union dues
- [19] money was used truly for educational purposes, it
- [20] began to spill in to campaigns. So, what we do
- [21] today would not have happened 20 years ago or
- [22] 15 years ago.

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- [1] I don't pretend to know all the
- 2] history. I know the Bush Administration believes
- [3] the Dukakis Administration started to really abuse
- [4] soft money, but when it really shot up on my radar
- [5] screen as the farce it is was when Susan Molinari
- [6] resigned and there was an election in Staten
- [7] Island.
- [8] All of sudden, either the RNC or the
- [9] Republican Congressional Campaign Committee
- [10] decided they needed to spend nearly a half million
- [11] dollars in educating the people of Staten Island
- [12] about abortion and choice.
- [13] I thought well, we have gotten to a
- [14] point now where it is just going to be used as
- [15] campaign money. That is kind of when it first
- [16] showed up on my radar screen as just such a
- [17] blatant abuse. Then from that point on, we just
- [18] gave up even trying to rein it in.
- [19] I believe this happened because I
- 20] don't believe the majority of the members of the
- [21] FEC believe in the 1907 law or the 1947 law or the
- [22] 1974 law. I think they were chosen in some part

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- [1] on the part of our party, my party, the Republican
- [2] Party, because they don't believe in the law. So,
- [3] I don't have a lot of faith in the FEC and its
- [4] ability to make the law work.
- [5] Q. You are aware, aren't you, the
- Republican National Committee provides money
- [7] consistent with state law to state and local
- [8] candidates throughout the country?
- [9] A. I am aware, yes, consistent with
- [10] whatever the state law is. The answer is yes, I
- [11] think that is correct.
- [12] Q. In the Virginia 2001 election for
- [13] governor, are you aware the Republican National
- [14] Committee spent several million dollars in that
- [15] state?
  - A. Corporate treasury money and union dues
- [17] money?
  - O. Money allowable under state law.
- [19] A. Would that have been corporate treasury
- [20] money and union dues money?
- [21] Q. I believe some of it was.
- [22] Were you aware of that?

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- A. I am not surprised by it. [1]
- Q. What, in your view, Congressmen Shays, [2]
- [3] is the Federal interest in precluding the
- [4] Republican National Committee or the Democratic
- National Committee from participating in a purely
- state election in a manner fully consistent with
- [7] state law?
- A. Well, I would have no problem. The
- answer let me back up and say to you the
- challenge is, if you believe as I do and as the
- [11] majority of Congress does, that the 1907 law
- [12] banning corporate treasury money and the 1947 law
- [13] banning union dues money was there for a
- [14] meaningful purpose, and the 1974 law banning
- [15] unlimited sums from individuals, both for the
- [16] appearance of corruption and actual corruption.
- (17) then you would want the Federal Government to
- [18] abide by that law.
- [19] It would be kind of nonsensical to say
- it is wrong to do this and then say because the
- state allows it, we will allow the Federal
- Government to do it in a state election. So, I [22]

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- [1] think it is very consistent to want the Federal
- Government not to be in soft money requests for ...
- corporate treasury money or union dues money, and 131
- [4] that is how we tried to design the law.
- Q. You understand, don't you, that the Republican National Committee and Democratic
- National Committee are not Federal committees;
- they are national committees that participate in
- local, state, and national elections?
- A. With all due respect, I don't see the [10] difference in its impact over the appearance of
- corruption and actual corruption; I just don't see
- the difference. [13]
- O. In a situation in which no Federal [14]
- office holder has been involved in soliciting soft [15]
- money for a party and that money is spent in a
- purely state and local election, what is the
- [18] Federal interest in regulating that?
- A. I think there is a lot of Federal
- interest in how the money is raised.
- You could take California or New York.
- There is a very keen political reason why [22]

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- [1] Republicans or Democrats would want to have a
- [2] Republican or Democratic Governor: It has a
- tremendous impact on the next presidential race.
- So, there are reasons why the parties
- [5] would want to do it, and there are concerns that
- [6] have been obviously stated more times than I need
- [7] to state, that if a corporation contributes a
- [8] million dollars at the request of the Republican
- [9] Party to the State of California or gives a
- [10] million dollars to the NRCC, they have still, in
- [11] my judgment, bought the same influence. It is a
- [12] million dollars. It was just directed by the RNC

- [13] to a state, and we want them not to be in that [14] business.
- [15] Q. Even if no Federal office holder were
- involved in soliciting the money? [16] A. Those of us who support this [17]
  - legislation believe the political process is
- [18] distorted by both the appearance of corruption and
- actual corruption when you have large sums of
- money that are benefiting these national.
- governments.

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- [1] I say to you there is a real keen
- [2] Federal interest in who controls the State of
- California or New York, so the impact is really no different. [4]
- Q. So in your view, and I just want to [5]
- make sure we are clear, in your view, there is a
- Federal interest in regulating the California
- gubernatorial election because it might have an
- effect on the next presidential election?
- f101 A. You didn't hear me well, and I am happy you have clarified that. I am saying there should
- not be a Federal role -[12]
  - Q. There should not be a Federal role?
- in a state election with Federal [14] Α.
- [15] office holders -
- Q. Federal office holders should not be [16]
- [17] involved in raising money for state officials?
- A. that is different than what Federal 1181
- [19] law requires.

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- So for instance, I should not be out
- there on the state level, even if the state
- allowed it, raising more money on hard money than [22]

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- I could for myself on a Federal race. You would
- want that law to be consistent.
- Q. In fact, that is what the statute,
- Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, does?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. It doesn't let a Republican Party [6]
- official raise money for a state candidate even 171
- within the Federal limits?
  - A. Yes, that is accurate.
- That was basically a compromise on the
- part of the Congress in passing this legislation. [11]
- [12] That is an over-reach of Federal power, Q.
- [13] isn't it?
  - What is an over-reach? Α.
    - To limit the ability of a Republican
- National Committee official -[16]
  - A. No, I don't think so.
  - who is not a Federal employee to
- [19] raise money consistent with state law or even
- within the Federal limits in a state election. [20] I don't think it is a Federal
- over-reach. [22]

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(Whereupon a document was marked as [2]

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- Shays Deposition Exhibit Number 18.)
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#### BY MR. BURCHFIELD: [5]

- [6] Q. Shays Exhibit 18 is a document with the
- heading Vote Republican, Thomas H. Kean. [7]
- Congressman Shays, when you have had a
- chance to look at Exhibit 18, let me know. [9]
  - A. This is Thomas Kean, New Jersey.
- Was Tom governor at the time or is this
- after he was governor?
- Q. Let me call your attention to a couple 1131
- [14] of things that may help you. In the lower
- [15] right-hand corner, there is a copyright 2001. I
- can represent to you this relates to the 2001 New
- [17] Jersey elections.
- A. So, Tom Kean wrote to his friends or to [18]
- some friends and sent something. This is the [19]
- [20]
- [21] Q. It is my understanding, Congressman,
- [22] this is a get out the vote direct mailer prior to

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- [1] the 2001 New Jersey elections at which there were
- [2] only state and local candidates on the ballot. If
- [3] you look at the second page, you will see it
- refers to Tuesday, November 6, 2001.
- What is your question? 151 A.
- The question is -[6]
- A. Can you explain to me who Tom Kean is? [7]
- I know he was the former governor, but
- is he on the National Committee? 191
- O. That is correct by my understanding. [10]
- [11]A. Is he on the National Committee?
- [12] Q. I believe he holds no position with the
- [13] Republican National Committee, but as you see in
- the lower left hand corner of the first page in
- teeny, tiny writing, this was paid for by the [15]
- [16] Republican National State Election Committee.
- A. What is the Republican National State [17]
- **Election Committee?** 1181
- Q. It is the non-Federal or soft money [19]
- account of the Republican National Committee. **[20]**
- So, this is a soft money account. [21]
- My question for you, Congressman, I [22]

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- [1] have a couple of questions about this, and that is
- am I correct that as of November 6th, 2002, the
- Republican National Committee would have to pay
- for this flier with one hundred percent Federally
- regulated money since it will have nothing but one
- hundred percent Federally regulated money? [6]
- A. Well, they would not be able to pay for [7]
- this ad with soft money because they would no longer be raising soft money.
- In terms of what the Federal Government [10]
- could do in terms of a contribution on a state
- election, I am not sure that the NRC could do it.
- [13] I am just not sure; I am not sure they could do
- [14] it. [15]
  - Would you agree with me that if this

- [16] flier were paid for by the New Jersey Republican
- Party, a state party, in an odd year election, it
- [18] could use one hundred percent state regulated
- money to pay for this? [19]
- A. I would think whatever, if it is not a [20]
- [21] Federal election, the state can do really whatever
- state law allows it to do.

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- Q. What is the Federal interest in telling [1]
- [2] the Republican National Committee that it must use
- Federally regulated money to pay for this direct
- mailer while the state party could pay for the
- same mailer using one hundred percent state
- 161 regulated money?
- A. We basically concluded that we didn't [7]
- [8] want to do anything to interfere with what the
- states could do. We didn't want to inhibit them
- from what they are allowed to do, but we felt that
- it was important, where we had jurisdiction, to
- make sure there could be no corporate money or
- union dues money. That is why we designed the law [13]
- the way we did. [14]
- Q. You said where you had jurisdiction. [15]
- You are referring to the national [16]
- [17] committees?
  - A. We have jurisdiction of Federal
- elections, both on the Federal level and in the [19]
- [20]

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[21] Q. I understand that, but we, here, are not talking about a Federal election. We are [22]

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- talking about the national parties' participation
- in a non-Federal election.
- [3] A. Correct.
- I can keep saying this, but I don't
- know how many times you want me to say it. We
- don't want the Federal Government in the business
- of raising soft money. [7]
- Do you mean a national political party? **[81**
- [9] You said the Federal Government.
  - A. I'm sorry; thank you.
- We don't want elected officials, we  $\Pi\Pi$
- [12] don't want party officials to be asking
- corporations for corporate treasury money. We 1131
- want to basically enforce the 1907 law. [14]
- [15] Q. What is the corrupting impact on
- Federal officials of non-governmental party [16]
- [17] officials raising state regulated money and spending state regulated money in purely state and [18]
- [19] local elections?
- [20] A. Let me just be clear that I understand
- you. How money is raised matters. How it is
- spent also matters.

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- Are you asking me why I would be
- concerned about Federal party folks or Federal
- 131 elected officials raising corporate treasury
- [4] money? Is that your question?
- Q. No. [5]

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- [6] I am asking why you wen: concerned with
- national party officials who hold no Federal [7]
- office raising state regulated money and spending [8]
- that money consistent with state law? [9]
- A. Yes, but is that state money [10]
- potentially corporate treasury money? [11]
  - Q. If legal in a panicular state -
- A. Well then, I think when you said no, I [13]
- don't think you were being very clear to me and I [14]
- think it would mislead me.
- I have made the point to you, and we
- may disagree, but I have made the point to you we (17)
- don't want the Federal Government in the business
- of raising corporate treasury money or union duca-
- money; and we prohibit it under our Act. [20]
- **[21]** O. You said Federal Government again. I take it you mean national parties. [22]

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- A. National parties, the Federal parties,
- [2] Republican and Democrat officials, or Federal
- [3] office holders, we want them out of the business
- [4] of raising corporate treasury money or union dues
- money. We want to enforce the 1907 law and the 151
- 1947 law, and we want them to abide by the [6]
- structure of the 1974 Act: [7]
- Q. I understand your position, though I [8]
- don't agree with it, but I understand your
- position that if you pick up the phone and call a [10]
- corporation and ask for a million dollars and the --
- [12] corporation provides a million dollars,
- [13] hypothetically, to the national party, that some-
- [14] people might be concerned about the potential
- [15] impact of that donation on you as a Federal
- [16] officer.
- 1171 What I am having trouble understanding
- is why someone like Jack Oliver, who holds no
- [19] Federal position, cannot call up a corporation and
- ask for even \$5 to use in a state election. [20]
- A. Let's use the same number. Following [21]
- your logic, there would be no problem with their

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- [1] asking a million dollars. I don't see the
- [2] difference whether you call a corporation and ask
- 131 for a million dollars for the Federal Government
- or the state, it is still the Federal party office
- holder asking for the money or it is still the
- Federal office asking the money, and I don't see
- the difference at all. I think it is clear as can [7]
- 181 be.
- Q. Maybe my question was unclear. I am [9] not asking about a Federal officer holder making
- the call. I am asking about a party official who [11]
- holds no Federal position at all making that call. [12]
- [13] A. You make an assumption that is
- different from mine. The assumption you make is [14]
- that somehow if you are chairman of the Republican [15]
- Committee versus a member of the legislature, and,
- if you may, of the Congress, that there is somehow
- [18] a big difference. There is a difference. One is

- [19] an office holder, and one is a party official.
- I believe that Mr. McAuliffe (phonetic)
- has a lot to do with what happens in Congress, and
- I think the chairman of our party has a lot, the

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- Republican Party has a lot to do with what goes on
- in Congress. I think it has a lot to do with the
- White House. I think we all work together.
- We also wanted to make sure we didn't
- [5] have a circumstance where we had a wink and a nod.
- The wink and the nod is it is basically the same 161
- money, and you are helping the Republican cause.
- Whether the Federal office holder asks for it or
- the chairman of the party, I don't have any doubt
- in my mind that Members of Congress would not
- [11] learn how grateful and how happy we were that this
- corporation gave to our party.
- So whether it is asked by the elected [13]
- official, the Federal elected official, or by the [14]
- national party official, I don't see the [15]
- difference at all. [16]
- O. Can you at least agree with me that if [17]
- the party official asks for it, it is one step
- further removed from Federal office holders than
- if the Federal office holder asked for it
- [21] directly?

#### [22] A. I think it is one step removed in a

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- [1] thousand steps, so it is a small percent
- [2] difference, but it is a step removed.
  - O. Let me ask you, and I don't mean to
- [4] re-plow old ground, but it occurs to me that I
- [5] want to ask one clarifying question about our
- discussion before the break. I am not asking you,
- I am not going to re-plow the ground of asking for
- specific names.
- [9] It is your understanding the
- individuals who conveyed the message about loss of
- campaign funds or being passed over for committee
- chairmanships as a result of a vote on the [12]
- [13] Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform bill were
- leaders, were in the House Republican leadership, [14]
- or were they officers of the Republican National (15)
- Committee? [16]
- A. Let me answer it this way. Some of the [17] people who wanted to support this bill but chose [18]
- not to were contacted by party officials. They
- were contacted by their governors on behalf of (20)
- party officials here.
- They were told by some of their [22]

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- supporters back home that they had received calls
- from elected officials in Congress that they [2]
- needed them to work very hard to change their 131
- member's position. There was a lot of pressure, I [4] think as you can imagine, on this bill.
- [6] Members were telling me they were not
- just hearing it from elected officials, but they
- were hearing it from party officials as well. I

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- [9] can tell you what I heard.
- [10] I heard from my state central committee
- [11] person a variety of things that were very
- [12] unsettling about how this legislation was being
- [13] represented, about the repercussions that could
- [14] happen, and I know you are not surprised by it. I
- [15] mean this is the reality of that legislation.
- [16] Q. Are you aware of instances other than [17] campaign finance reform legislation in which the
- [18] parties have taken such an aggressive role in
- [19] trying to change the minds and votes of Members?
- [20] A. Because this was something I worked so
- [21] closely on and heard individual accounts, I think
- [22] I have a much better knowledge on this bill.

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- [1] If you are asking me is there a lot of
- [2] give and take in the legislative process on lots
- [3] of bills and lots of different motives for why
- [4] people vote on certain things, absolutely, but the
- [5] one thing I want to put on the record: The
- [6] distortion of the political process is not by the
- [7] question you asked me earlier about a change in
- [8] someone's vote.
- [9] When I was being asked about a change,
- [10] I didn't quite know how that word, change, was
- [11] being meant because maybe the person decided early
- [12] on they were going to vote that way before they
- [13] had made up their minds. So, they didn't change
- [14] their vote; they were just persuaded by the
- [15] financial interests before they even made up their
- [16] mind.
- [17] The way the system works, and I think
- [18] you have a sense of this being active in the
- [19] political process, you can shape the vote by what
- [20] bills reach the floor of the House and you can
- [21] shape the vote by what amendments are allowed
- [22] through Rules.

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- [1] I have no reluctance telling you that I
- [2] believe there are a number of instances in the
- [3] time that I have been in Congress, particularly
- [4] since we have been in the majority, that certain
- [5] bills not were not allowed to reach the floor of
- [6] the House because of large financial interests;
- [7] and that certain amendments were not allowed in
- [8] the Rules Committee because of certain financial
- [9] interests.
- [10] That is where I see it happen more than
- [11] a so-called change in someone's vote.
- [12] Q. Let me go back to my question. I do
- [13] want to ask you some questions about what you just
- [14] said.
- [15] Let's go back to my question for a
- [16] minute, and that is: Are you aware of any
- [17] instances, Congressman, in which officials of the
- [18] Republican National Committee have been actively
- [19] engaged in supporting or opposing legislation
- [20] other than the campaign finance bill we talked
- [21] about earlier?

A. Not recently, no, not recently.

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- [1] I have been in rooms where, you know, a
- [2] chairman has expressed a very strong view about a
- [3] particular piece of legislation. I cannot ascribe
- [4] why they might have taken that position.
- [5] If you are asking me if chairmen of
- 6) national committees make a point of sometimes
- [7] sharing their positions on major pieces of
- [8] legislation, absolutely; they are not reluctant to
- [9] do that.
- [10] Q. I am trying to draw a distinction,
- [11] Congressman, between the Chairman of the
- [12] Senatorial Committee and the Chairman of the
- [13] Congressional Committee, who are members of the
- [14] body and who, I think, have an oath of office to
- [15] share their views versus the Chairman of the
- [16] Republican National Committee, who is a member of
- [17] neither the House nor the Senate nor does he hold
- [18] any -

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- [19] A. I was making this point: The Chairman
  - of the National Committee, I have been in rooms
- [21] with leadership where the Chairman of the National
- [2] Committee has been in those rooms discussing

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- actively the merits of various legislation.
  - Q. From a political perspective?
  - A. From a variety of perspectives.
  - O. In any of those situations that you
- [5] recall, has the Chairman of the Republican
- [6] National Committee used campaign funding as a
- [7] lever, threatened to give or withhold campaign
- [8] funding as a result of the way a congressman would
- of runding as a result of the way a congressman wou
- [9] vote on that legislation?
- [10] A. Usually, the dialogue is not about how
- [11] a Member of Congress would vote. The dialogue is
- [12] about the legislation itself. I don't know what
- [13] would motivate the chairman to take a position one
- [14] way or the other on legislation.
- [15] I just want it on record that I have
- 16] been in rooms on more than one occasion in which a
- [17] chairman has expressed a view, a national
- [18] chairman and in my case, the Republican
- [19] Party a position on legislation.
  - Q. I understand that. I get e-mails from
- [21] them all the time expressing views on legislation.
- 22] I consider that part of the political debate and

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- part of the responsibility of the Republican
- [2] Party.

[20]

- [3] A. I think that is true.
- [4] My point, though, to you is they very
- [5] much are involved in the you see one step
- [6] removed, and I grant you it is one step in a
- [7] thousand steps removed but they very much get
- [8] involved in the political process and discussion
- [9] on legislation and attempt to influence
- [10] legislation.
- [11] I accept that as a reality of their

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- position and what they do. They are not so
  - separated as you may think.
- Q. My question, though, is: Are you aware
- [15] of any instance in which they went beyond
- [16] espousing the merits, whatever those merits might
- [17] be, and instead or in addition, indicated they
- would either withhold or provide campaign funding?
  - A. No.
- [20] There would never be a crass
- [21] conversation like that. I have never attended a
- [22] conversation like that. I have never attended a

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- [1] meeting where a conversation from a chairman was.
- that money would be withheld or not withheld.
- Q. You won your last election with [3]
- [4] 58 percent of the vote -
- A. Uh-huh. [5]
  - a 16 point win, a pretty clear
- mandate the Fourth District of Connecticut to send [7]
- you back to Congress? [8]
- A. Right. **191**
- Did the Republican Congressional (101
- Committee or the Republican National Committee [11]
- provide coordinated funding in your race the last [12]
- [13]
- A. I don't think they have provided any [14]
- [15] assistance to me since my very first election in
- 1987. មេខ
- [17] Q. What has been the closest reclection...
- [18] race you have had?
- [19] A. I think my first race.
- Let me just say I was not pleased with [20]
- 58 percent. I just want to go on record I was [21]
- disappointed. I wanted to know why 42 percent of [22]

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- the public voted against me. I was very grateful
- [2] for the help I received in my first race in 1987.
- **f31** Q. Since 1987 -
- [4] A. Since then, they have not felt any real
- [5] strong need to support my reelection.
- [6] I did have The Speaker come, in my last
- race, to do a fund raiser in which he raised about
- \$70,000, all in hard money I believe, and we
- helped raise that money. In fact, we did the
- work, and he stayed that night and met with
- [11] elected officials the next day and then was at my
- [12] announcement.
- [13] I was very, very grateful for Speaker
- [14] Hastert's help in that race. It was particularly
- [15] helpful given that I have voted against
- [16] impeachment, and it was a strong statement of The
- [17] Speaker that, in spite of that, he supported me
- and my Republican colleagues supported me. [18]
- Q. I actually watched your town hall [19] meeting, which I thought was quite well done,
- quite a brave and conscientious thing to do at a
- very difficult time in American history.

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You watched some of it. It went on for

- [2] seven hours.
  - Q. You have caught me.
- A. They stopped the broadcast after a [4]
- while, but thank you for watching it. [5]
- Q. You did say you would stay until the [6]
- question was asked and answered, and that was well 171
- beyond my patience.
- It was the case, wasn't it, that the [9]
- leadership really on both sides of the aisle were [10]
- pushing pretty hard on the impeachment issue? [11]
- A. Absolutely. [12]
- This was a conscience vote. Like a war 1131
- in the Gulf or I think the potential in Iraq. [14]
- there are certain votes that are so significant
- [16] that no member wants to have the burden of
- [17] encouraging someone to vote a particular way.
- They have to decide on their own. [81]
- So, I worked closely with, frankly, Tom [19]
- DeLay to make sure we had a vote on impeachment [20]
- because I took the view we needed to have a vote;
- but I felt in the end, I was going to vote no

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- [1] rather than some other we needed to vote
- impeachment up or down.
- At any rate, I was grateful for Denny
- [4] · Hastert's support. That meant a lot to me.
  - Q. Did the Republican leadership take a
- [6] strong position as to how the Republican members
- [7] should vote on the impeachment resolution?
- A. Tom DeLay believed very strongly there [8] -
- [9] needed to be a vote on that issue and not some alternative like censure. I agreed with him, so [10]
- he and I circulated a number of issues.
- 1121 Do I think some members were lobbied
- intensely? Absolutely; we all were. I mean I was [13]
- asked to meet with Henry Hyde. I met with the [14]
- [15] counsel. I looked at all those facts. So, we
- were asked to treat this very seriously.
- [17] In the end, it was a conscience vote.
- and I believe every member had to decide how to [18]
- vote based on their conscience. I felt, while one
- or two my leaders were disappointed with my vote,
- I felt they respected why I did what I did. So, I
- have nothing but gratitude for my party in that.

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- [1] I would really want to make sure there
- [2] was nothing in the record that would imply that I
- [31 didn't get anything but respect from my party in
- that vote. [4]
- MR. BURCHFIELD: I would ask the [5]
- [6] reporter to mark as Exhibit 19 a letter dated
- October 4, 2001.
- [8]
- (Whereupon a document was marked as [9] Shays Deposition Exhibit Number 19.) 101
- [11]

#### BY MR. BURCHFIELD: [12]

- Q. Congressman, I have handed you a letter
- I understand was sent by Jack Oliver, the Deputy

[13]

- [15] Chairman of the Republican National Committee, to
- [16] various persons urging them to make a donation to
- [17] Bret Schundler's campaign for Governor of New
- [18] Jersey in 2001.
- [19] Take whatever time you would like to
- [20] look at this letter, and when you have had a
- [21] chance to look at it, let me know. I have some
- [22] questions about it.

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- A. I think I have had enough time to look [1] [2] at it.
- Q. In this letter, Congressman Shays, am I [3]
- [4] correct that the request is to make a donation not
- [5] to the RNC, but to Mr. Schundler's gubernatorial
- [6] campaign at Post Office Box 419, WOB, West Orange.
- [7] New Jersey?

[8]

- A. I think you are correct on that, yes.
- Indulge in the assumption if you would, [9]
- [10] because I believe it is a fair assumption, that a
- [11] favorable response to this letter in terms of
- [12] making a donation would never pass through the
- [13] hands of the Republican National Committee, and
- [14] the Republican National Committee may not ever
- [15] even know who had responded favorably or
- [16] unfavorably to this letter.
- [17] Can we make those assumptions?
- Not necessarily.
- [19] I don't mean to quibble, but it is
- [20] possible or it is also possible that the party
- [21] might know. In this instance, I don't think they
- [22] would really care. So, if you are asking me do I

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- [1] think the contribution limit of \$2,000 is a
- [2] significant amount of money or you can contribute
- [3] up to 2,600? No.
- [4] By the way, not only does our law
- [5] prohibit this from being sent by Mr. Oliver, any
- [6] member from New Jersey Congressionally would not
- [7] be able to send it because it is not consistent
- [8] with the law asking for 2,600.
- [9] So while the Federal legislators could
- [10] have written this letter, it would have to be
- [11] subject to the levels of Federal contribution
- [12] limits; and in the case of the political parties,
- [13] the national political parties, they would not
- [14] have been able to send this letter out.
- O. Under any circumstances? [15]
- A. I believe that is correct if they are [16]
- [17] asking for money.
- Q. Why should Mr. Oliver be subject to
- [19] more strict restrictions on requesting donations
- [20] to a gubernatorial candidate than Christopher
- [21] Shays?
- This was a compromise in our A. [22]

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- [1] deliberations. I, frankly, would not be troubled
- [2] if the political party officials would have the
- [3] same standard elected officials have. So, I am

- [4] just saying to you we perceived this to be not the
- premiere part of the legislation.
- There was disagreement. Some thought
- the political party people should not be able to
- ask for any contributions. Members of Congress
- [9] were allowed to, and I think it probably would
- [10] have been better, in my view, to have had it
- [11] consistent, but I don't view this as a major part
- [12] of the legislation.
- [13] I would also say to you I don't think
- [14] Bret Schundler would have been hurt, though, if it
  - was someone else. I don't think Jack Oliver
- particularly adds value to this. [16]
- Q. He lost by 38 points or something like [17] [18] that. I don't think Chris Shays could have helped
- him much either, to tell you the truth.
- A. What I am saying to you is there is one [20] [21] standard for the political parties and another for
- [22] elected officials on the Federal level. My

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- [1] preference, if I had one on that today, would have
- [2] been to have it be the same and have it be the
- [3] elected officials, but this was an issue of
- [4] compromise.
- O. What articulable explanation other than [5]
- [6] it being a compromise maybe that is the only
- [7] explanation can you provide for that difference [8] between Chris Shays and Jack Oliver in this
- circumstance? [9]
- A. The argument was, on the part of some, 1101
- that the political party people have a tremendous
- amount of influence in this process. I think in
- the end, you know, the answer is I cannot. I
- forget it because I didn't agree with it
- basically. [15]
- So, the answer is that I don't really
- recall the debate we had on this issue. I was
- paying attention to other issues that I thought
- were far more important... [19]
- Q. There are other instances in the Act in
- which political party officials are treated more
- severely than the Federal official, the Federal

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- [1] office holders, such as the ability to solicit
- 501(c) organizations. [2]
- A. See, then we start to get into there
- [4] you can ask for more money.
- O. A Federal office holder in that
- [6] situation, as I understand it correct me if I am wrong - can ask a 501(c), can solicit money
- for a 501(c) organization that is not primarily
- [9] engaged in Federal election activity and can
- [10] solicit money up to, I think it is \$20,000 for
- [11] a-
- [12] MR. WITTEN: From an individual?
- MR. BURCHFIELD: From an individual for [13]
- [14] an entity that is primarily engaged in Federal
- [15] Election activity.
- [16] Does that sound, with Mr. Witten's

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[17]	qualification, correct?
[18]	THE WITNESS: Yes.
[19]	BY MR. BURCHFIELD:
[20]	O. Political party personnel cannot do
[21]	either of those.
[22]	Why is that?

### Page 242 A. I think the reason was that Members of

- [2] Congress were identifying themselves with [3] circumstances where they would be working with a group and felt that, like the NAACP, they should [5] be allowed to help them raise money for
- non-elected purposes. So, that was the argument. 161
- Q. You sound like you are skeptical of the [7] argument. [8]
- A. I guess for me, I would have preferred [9] we not be able to ask for any. My preference [10] would have been for members not to raise any money
- for the NAACP or any other organization. I lost [13] that debate because we are now starting to talk
- [14] about bigger dollars. The size of the amount of
- [15] money is what bothers rae.
- In the first instance, when we are 1161
- [17] allowed to raise money, Federal office holders are
- [18] allowed to raise money for state office holders as
- long as it is consistent with state law and [19]
- Federal law. It is limited amounts of money. [20]
- [21] So, you know, my preference was that we
- [22] not get in the business of asking individuals I

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- [1] don't think it is corporations individuals for-[2] larger sums of money. I don't think it is [3] serious, but that was just my preference, and it [4] was not something I thought was worth fighting [5] over.
- Q. You are considered, I think the term [6] [7] they use is the most environmentally sensitive member of Congress by the League of Conservation 191
- A. I have had a good voting record with [10] [11] the League of Conservation Voters over a number of [12] years. It dropped to 80 something this time, but
- [13] it is a pretty good record. Q. You only won 58 percent of the vote. [14] [15] What is the world coming to, Congressman?
- [16] Let's assume you wanted to, and you may [17] very well not, but let's assume you wanted to
- [18] raise money for the League of Conservation Voters. [19] Since the League of Conservation Voters is not
- [20] primarily involved in election activity, you could
- [21] do that under the statute as of November 6th; is
- [22] that right?

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- A. I am not sure about that. [1]
- [2] If you asked the Sierra Club, that
- [3] might be different, but the League of Conservation
- [4] Voters I believe is a collection of different
- [5] organizations that advocate, but don't get
- [6] involved in elections. It is a way to evaluate.

- First, I want to be clear.
- Q. Let's use the Sierra Club. I don't [8]
- think we need to debate about the League of [9]
- Conservation Voters. Let's change the example to [10]
  - the Sierra Club. I assume the Sierra Club holds
- you in pretty high regard as well. [12] If you wanted to raise money from [13]
- individuals for the Sierra Club in any amount, you
- could do so even after November 6th; is that [15]
- right? [16]
  - In any amount? Α.
- [17] Right, since they were not primarily [18]
- engaged in election activities. [19]
- A. I have to ask counsel. I don't know if [201
- there is a limit to what we can do. [21]
- Q. There is a \$20,000 limit on the amount [22]

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- [1] you can raise for an entity that is engaged
- primarily in election activity. I don't think
- there is a limit if it is not engaged primarily in
- election activity. In any event, accept that as
- an assumption. If it turns out to be
- inaccurate -161

[7]

- A: This is from individuals, not
- corporations? [8]
  - Q. Correct.
- [9] This represented a compromise, and we [10] felt the worst problem was the corporate treasury [11] money and the union dues money. That is kind of [12]
- where we were headed. [13]
- Q. In your understanding, is the [14]
- organization not primarily involved in election [15] activity required to keep that money in a separate
- [16]
- account if it raised by a Federal office holder or [17]
- can it be comingled with funds that are being used [18]
- for election activity? [19]
- A. I have forgotten. [20]
- We had lots of debate on these types of
- issues, but I didn't focus as much time on whether

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- it could be comingled. I thought we had the FEC
- have to decide that, but I am not sure.
- MR. WITTEN: Don't speculate. [3]
- THE WITNESS: Okay, so I don't know. [4]
  - MR. BURCHFIELD: Off the record for a
- minute. 161

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- (Discussion held off the record.)
- 171 BY MR. BURCHFIELD: 181
  - Q. Take either example you want, the
- [9] National Association for the Advancement of [10]
- Colored People, NAACP, or the National Rifle [11]
- Association, the NRA, both of which, let's assume,
- [12]
- are not primarily engaged in election activity. [13]
  - A. Right.
- [14] Q. Does it appear to be - well, let me [15]
- ask it this way: You know that many in the [16]
- Republican Party believe that in the last two or [17]
- three election cycles, the Republican get out the
- vote efforts have under-performed, and the

- [20] Democratic get out the vote efforts have performed
- [21] very well, in large measure, due to the efforts of
- the NAACP and organized labor. You have heard

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- that I assume. [1]
- A. I would share in the view that [2]
- [3] Republicans are better at raising hard money and
- are not as good at getting out the vote. That is
- [5] why Tom DeLay has responded Stop, which is helping
- [6] us get out the vote on election day.
- The Democrats are going to have to do a
- [8] better job of raising hard money, and Republicans
- [9] are going to have to do a better job of getting
- [10] out the vote.
- [11] I think the reason why we have not been
- [12] good at getting out the vote is we have gotten so
- [13] focused on large dollars that we let this grass
- [14] roots organization in the Republican Party just
- [15] die on the vine.
- [16] That is why I feel so strongly, and
- [17] this is probably my biggest disappointment with
- [18] the party you are representing here as counsel, my
- [19] own Republican Party.
- [20] I believe the strength of our bill is
- [21] we are going strengthen the Republican Party
- [22] because we are going to have go out and start

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- [1] building a grass roots organization to counter
- [2] what the Democrats have done quite well over the
- [3] last few years.
- O. We may come back to that point, but [4]
- (5) where I want to focus right now is the perfectly
- [6] legal scenario, as I understand it, of one of your
- [7] Democratic colleagues raising money through
- [8] general solicitations for the NAACP with that
- money going into a general fund, part of which is
- [10] used for get out the vote and even broadcast issue
- [11] ad activity.
- A. One the strengths of our bill, and it [12]
- [13] was at the request of people like Tom DeLay and
- [14] others and let me just say one of the
- [15] challenges for me was that since so many of my
- [16] leadership were opposed to the bill, it was hard
- [17] sometimes for me to understand, when I was
- [18] negotiating, what people in my own party would
- [19] like to see in it.
- [20] One of the things the President of the
- [21] United States told me directly and that my
- [22] colleagues told me is they wanted disclosure.

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- [1] What you will see in our bill, unlike in the past,
- [2] is when any of those organizations spend money,
- [3] they will have to disclose it for any campaign

[9]

- [5] So, I think we have added a provision
- [6] that I hope my colleagues will find helpful. So
- when the NAACP conducts a broadcast like they did
- last time, they will have to disclose it. [8]
  - Q. If it is non-broadcast, and I take it,

- [10] it is the view of many Republicans I have spoken
- [11] to maybe you disagree with this that it was
- [12] not the broadcast advertising and the unions and
- the NAACP that had been so effective at get out
- [14] the vote. It has been the ground game the
- [15] phone banks, direct mail, the door to door, the
- [16] bus activities.
- [17] The question for you is: Doesn't that
- activity go largely unregulated, go wholly
- unregulated by the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act
- [20] of 2002?
- The 1974 Act requires the FEC to do a [21] A.
- lot more than it is doing to make sure campaign [22]

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- [1] expenditures are reported and then that certain
- [2] activities of labor unions don't have to -
- Q. Whatever good or ill-feelings all of us
- [4] might have about the FEC, and I am not here to
- [5] defend the FEC mind you, this statute, the
- [6] Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002, doesn't
- [7] address that issue; the issue being voter
- mobilization efforts through non-broadcast
- advertising within 60 days of an election.
- A. It is very important for me to tell you [10]
- [11] the FEC has the ability to deal with this issue
- [12] and it needs to.
- I am going to get a soda if you don't
- [14] mind, and then we will come back.
- (Recess from 3:51 p.m. to 4:05 p.m.) [15]
  - BY MR. BURCHFIELD:
- [16] Q. Congressman, we were talking, when we [17]
- [18] took our break, about the ability of Federal
- office holders and candidates to solicit money on
- behalf of groups like the NAACP or the NRA under
- the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act.
- My question for you is: If Congressman

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- [1] Doe solicits money for the NAACP, does that have
- [2] any less of an appearance of corruption than
- Congressman Doe soliciting money for a state
- political party, neither of which, let's assume, are subject to the source and amount limitations
- of FECA? [6]
- A. Your question is does it have any -[7]
- repeat the question. [8]
- Q. Let me repeat it this way. 191
- Congressman X sends out a letter -[10]
- A. I can deal with Doe. I am already with [11]
- [12] Doe, so stay with that. I just need to know the
- [13]
- [14] Congressman Doe sends out fund raising
- [15] letters on behalf of the NAACP and a fund raising
- letter on behalf of the California State
- Republican Party, both of which solicit money not
- subject to the source and amount limitations of
- the Federal Election Campaign Act.
- Which of them, if either, is more
- [21] apparently corrupt?
- A. I don't think either are corrupt. [22]

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- [1] We determined, in our negotiations,
- [2] that we needed to tighten up what members could do
- [3] in raising funds for outside groups, so we said
- [4] you could not get corporate treasury money or
- [5] union dues money. We tightened it up, but we
- [6] still allowed them to raise from individuals. So,
- [7] we tried to strengthen that provision.
- [8] In the case of state political parties,
- [9] we felt that to say that someone could raise a
- [10] certain amount on the Federal level, but raise
- [11] unlimited amounts for the same kind of election
- [12] process was inconsistent and needed to be
- [13] corrected, so that is what we did.
- [14] Q. You are aware that as of November 6th,
- [15] Congressman Doe can send out a general
- [16] solicitation for unlimited funds for the NAACP?
- [17] A. Yes, but let me just say he can do it [18] beforehand too; he can do it now.
- [19] Q. Why is it less corrupting for him to be
- [20] able to do that than it is for him to be able to
- [21] send out a letter, now prohibited, raising
- 22] unlimited funds for the Virginia State Party,

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- i) where state law doesn't impose limits?
- [2] A. Still just making sure we are clear
- [3] that whereas now they could raise corporate
- [4] treasury money and union dues money, we banned
- [5] that. So, we narrowed what they could raise from
- [6] either group.
- [7] Corporate treasury money cannot be
- [8] raised with either group, and that is really the
- [9] key part of our provision. In terms of this more
- [10] subtle part, we determined, in our negotiations,
- [11] that the asking unlimited surns for campaigns was
- [12] getting around the 1974 Act and we felt it needed
- [13] to be consistent both on the Federal and state
- [14] level.
- [15] Q. Before we get confused, I do want to
- [16] give you the opportunity to look at the particular
- [17] provision of the statute and make sure you have
- [18] that directly in mind, Congressman.
- [19] A. Let me ask you this: Did I say
- [20] anything that was inconsistent?
- [21] MR. BURCHFIELD: I will let you be the
- [22] judge of that. I think so, but let me ask the

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- [1] reporter to mark this Exhibit 20. Shays
- [2] Exhibit 20 is the copy of Public Law 107-155,
- [3] known as the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of
- [4] 2002.
- [5] ---
- [6] (Whereupon a document was marked as
- [7] Shays Deposition Exhibit Number 20.)
- [8] ---
- [9] BY MR. BURCHFIELD:
- [10] Q. Congressman, the section I am referring
- [11] to and I think we have been talking about is on
- [12] page 116 Stat 85 in the upper right-hand corner.

- [13] It is paragraph four that says permitting certain
- [14] solicitations. There are two provisions there.
- [15] "A" deals with general solicitations, and "B"
- [16] deals with specific solicitations.
- [17] I wanted to be fair to you because I
- [18] think the specific solicitation provision is
- [19] restricted to individual money up to \$20,000, but
- [20] the general solicitation provision, at least as
- [21] far as I can tell, has no such restriction on
- [22] either the amount or the source.

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- [1] A. What do you think I said that was in
- [2] conflict?
- [3] Q. I am not sure anything was,
- [4] Congressman, but I just wanted to make sure you
- [5] had this in front of you as I asked you these
- [6] questions so you are comfortable with your
- [7] answers.
- [8] If you want to take a minute to look at
- [9] that to confirm what I have said or consult with
- 10] your counsel about it, I am perfectly happy for
- [11] you to do either or both of those things. Then I
- [12] will ask you a couple of questions.
- [13] A. You think this is supposed to be clear [14] to me?
  - Q. You voted for it, Congressman.
- [16] A. With all due respect, I need to have
- [17] 501(a) in front of me, 301(20)(a). I need the
- [18] references. I know you said that somewhat in
- [19] jest, but it is referring to numbers. I am pretty
- [20] clear, I think, on what the law requires, but I
- [21] don't have these sections. We tried to tighten
- [22] the -

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- [1] MR. WITTEN: I think it is good to wait
- [2] for a question at this point.
  - THE WITNESS: Okay.
- [4] BY MR. BURCHFIELD:
- [5] Q. If you, at any time in connection
- [6] with and you have not been shy during this
- [7] process; I am sure you would do this but please [8] understand, if you don't feel you can answer a
- [9] question because you don't have a specific
- [10] recollection of the particulars of the statute,
- [11] please feel free to say so, Congressman Shays.
- [12] My question for you is: If Congressman
- [13] Doe sends a solicitation to the NAACP under (4)(A)
- [14] here, if Congressman Doe sends a general
- [15] solicitation for funds on behalf of the NAACP
- [16] under Section (4)(A) here to a potential corporate [17] donor or a group of potential corporate donors,
- [18] why is that less corrupting or apparently less
- [19] corrupting than Congressman Doe's sending of the
- [20] very same letter on behalf of the California or
- [21] the Virginia Republican Party?
- [22] A. I just need to consult with my counsel.

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- [1] (The Witness consults counsel.)
  - THE WITNESS: Do you mind if we go

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[3]	outside?
[4]	MR. BURCHFIELD: That is fine.
[5]	(Counsel and The Witness confer.)
[6]	MR. BURCHFIELD: Just for clarity of
[7]	the record now that Congressman Shays has had an
[8]	opportunity to consult with Mr. Witten, why don't
[9]	we read the question so you have that directly in
[10]	mind, Congressman. Then you can answer it to the
[11]	best of your ability.
[12]	(Question read.)
[13]	THE WITNESS: First, I appreciate
[14]	counsel allowing me to look at the statute because
[15]	I do think I said something that was not entirely
[16]	accurate.
[17]	I think I said – and if I didn't say
[18]	it, I certainly believed it - there would be no
[19]	solicitation even for general purposes of a
[20]	corporation. In fact, you are allowed to solicit
[21]	a corporation –
[22]	MR. WITTEN: For an ordinary charitable
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[1]	organization.
[2]	THE WITNESS: – for an ordinary
[3]	charitable organization, but I didn't think you
.[4]	could do that. I had just forgotten that part of
[5]	the law.
<b>[6]</b>	So, I just want to say for the record,
[7]	to correct what I said earlier, I think the

[8] general view is that it can be more corrupting [9] when you are attempting to influence the [10] legislative process. [11] We, as a compromise, decided to put up [12] certain tests. If it was just general [13] solicitation, you could ask for contributions to a [14] charity. If it was for an organization that had

[15] as part of its purpose to get out the vote, you

[17] individual. That was the compromise.

were limited to \$20,000 and it had to be to an

[18] BY MR. BURCHFIELD: [19] Q. Thank you for your endeavor to be so [20] careful about this. As you can imagine, my client [21] and I know you as well consider this to be a very [22] important matter. Nothing I do here is intended

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- [1] to lead you into an answer you do not intend to [2] give.
- [3] You indicated and Mr. Witten indicated
- [4] that (4)(A), the general solicitation provision
- [5] there, is for charitable organizations.
- [6] It is the case, isn't it, Congressman
- [7] Shays, that the NAACP, the National Rifle
- [8] Association, the Sierra Club, the League of
- [9] Conservation Voters, all, so far as you know,
- [10] would be encompassed within (4)(A)?
- I think all those [11]

[15]

- Let's put aside League of Conservation [12]
- [13] Voters. I know there is some question about that.
- [14] The others I mentioned NRA, NAACP -
  - A. I think that is correct.

- Q. An office holder, a Federal office
- [17] holder could send, under this statute when it
- [18] becomes effective on November 6th, could send a
- [19] fund raising letter on behalf of NAACP, NRA,
- [20] Sierra Club, Right to Life, or other organizations
- [21] that are not primarily engaged in election
- [22] activity right up to the date of the election;

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correct?

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- A. I think so, but I also think they could
- [3] have done that before this bill.
  - Q. I understand.
  - A. I don't think we created a more
- generous provision. I think we tried to tighten
- it a bit. [7]
- Q. My question for you now is: Why is it [8]
- [9] less likely to appear corrupting to the public,
- your constituents, for Congressman Doe to send a
- [11] letter on behalf of the NAACP than it is for him
- [12] to send a letter on behalf of the California or
- [13] the Virginia Republican Party?
  - A. First, a Member of Congress can send a
- [14] [15] letter seeking funds for a state candidate
- [16] provided it meets the state law and the Federal
- [17] law.

[18]

- Q. I understand.
- A. I just needed to make that point. [19]
- [20] So, we tried to make whatever they did
- [21] on the state level consistent with the limits that
- [22] exist on the Federal level. That seems to me to

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- [1] be so obvious. I would say why would we want to
- [2] allow a member to raise more money on the state
- [3] level than they can raise on the Federal level.
- [4] So, that is the reason why we did that.
- [5] If you are asking then why, when we
- [6] deal with elections, are we more concerned then
- [7] about a charity, it is because in elections, we
- [8] elect people who have public office and we want to
- [9] make sure there is not the appearance, in the
- [10] pursuit of their office, there is not either the
- [11] impression or the actual concern about
- impropriety. [12]
- Q. Let me ask you to focus, for a moment,
- [14] on paragraph (4)(B), which is certain specific
- [15] solicitations. You may take a moment to look at
- [16] this.
- [17] My understanding of it, and feel free
- [18] to disagree, is this would allow even
- [19] person-to-person solicitations on behalf of a
- [20] charitable organization engaged in Federal
- [21] election activities, primarily engaged in Federal
- [22] election activities if the solicitation is only to

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- [1] individuals and asks for no more than \$20,000.
- A. Provided this is not its activity. [2]
  - MR. BURCHFIELD: Under this section, it
- [4] can be the primary activity.
- Mr. Witten, you may chip in here. I am

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 [6] not trying to get him to testify about what the
 [7] law means so much as I am trying to lay the
 [8] predicate for the next question.
         MR. WITTEN: My understanding of the
 [9]
[10] law, for what it is worth, is (4)(B) addresses
     organizations whose principal purpose is get out
     the vote or voter registration.
[12]
[13]
         THE WITNESS: That is why it is limited
[14]
     to the 20,000.
[15]
         MR. WITTEN: As to them, members can
[16] only solicit individuals and then only up to
    20,000.
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- MR. BURCHFIELD: Right. [18]
- BY MR-BURCHFIELD: [19]
- Q. My question for you is: What is the [20]
- justification, if there is one, for allowing a
- [22] Federal office holder to solicit up to \$20,000 for

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- [1] an organization that is primarily engaged, as
- [2] Mr. Witten says, in get out the vote activities,
- [3] but to limit that Federal office holder to
- [4] soliciting only \$10,000 for a state political
- [5] party who is engaged in those very same
- [6] activities?

[17]

- A. This was just a compromise in the [7]
- [8] drafting of the legislation.
- Q. Congressman, I just have a number of [9] [10] kind of random questions because I have not really
- [11] gone through this, my outline, in an organized:
- [12] fashion. These questions may not necessarily
- [13] appear to be related, and I won't even represent
- [14] to you they are.
- [15] You are aware, aren't you, that
- [16] national political parties report all their
- donations currently, soft and hard, in excess of (17)
- [18]
- [19]
- They report all of their disbursements, [20]
- soft and hard, in excess of \$200? [21]
- A. I don't know if it is 200 or 300, but I [22]

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- know it is some number.
- Whatever the threshold is, I will not
- [3] hold you to the threshold.
- [4] A. Okay.
- [5] Q. Are you also aware that national
- political parties, when they engage in state
- election activity, have to report their activities
- [8] to the state election commissions?
  - I was not aware of that. A.
- [10] If you could, just assume that is true. О.
- [11] Sure.

[9]

- [12] My question for you is: Are you aware
- [13] of any other organizations in American society
- [14] that are as financially transpurent as national
- [15] political parties?
- A. I am not aware, one way or the other, [16]
- [17] what organizations are more transparent or less
- [18] transparent.

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MR. BURCHFIELD: Let me ask the
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- [20] reporter to mark as Exhibit 21 an article, a
- [21] computer print-out of an article that appeared in
- [22] the "National Journal" on January 26, 2002.

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- [1] Again, Congressman Shays is quoted in this
- [2] article.
- [3]

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- (Whereupon a document was marked as [4]
- Shays Deposition Exhibit Number 21.)
- [6]

#### BY MR. BURCHFIELD:

- Q. Congressman, just to call your [8]
- attention to the quotation I referred to, it is at
- the bottom of page 3. Feel free to read as much
- of this article you want to read, but your day in
- [12] the sun comes at the end of page 3 and the top of
- [13] page 4.
- MR. WITTEN: It is fair to say, isn't [14]
- it, Bobby, this is Stuart Taylor, and it is an 1151
- opinion article? [16]
- MR. BURCHFIELD: I would dare say there [17]
- is a dose of opinion in there. [18]
- THE WITNESS: I have not read the rest [19]
- of the article, but if you want me to comment on [20]
- [21] that quote, I am pretty comfortable in commenting
- [22] on the quote, but not passing judgment on any

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- other part of the article.
- [2] MR. BURCHFIELD: That is perfectly
- [3] fair.

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### BY MR. BURCHFIELD:

- Q. First of all, can you confirm at least 151
- the substance of the quotation attributed to you there which is (reading) Any company as large as
- Enron, quote, is going to have access by the fact
- of what it is and what it does, as Representative.
- Christopher, Republican, Connecticut, co-sponsor [10]
- [11] of the bill bearing his name recently acknowledged
- [12] (end reading)?
- [13]
  - A. I think I responded to this in
- commenting that a large corporation is an [14]
- important player in our economic market and will [15]
- have contacts in Washington, contacts on the state
- level and, as a large corporation, should have
- [18] some influence in the political process by the
- **[19]** nature of its financial size.
- [20] Q. Do you hold the view - let me put it
- [21] this way. It has been expressed that the
- [22] Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 will break

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- [1] the strangle-hold of the special interests on
- [2] Washington, D.C. or, in some perhaps
- [3] non-pejorative way, reduce substantially the
- [4] influence of corporations, unions, and other
- special interests in Washington. 157
- Do you hold that view? 161
- [7] A. I hold the view that special interests
- will always have an impact on what happens in

- Washington, as they should. [9]
- [10] Every special interest should have an
- [11] ability to influence public policy, but I do
- [12] believe those that tend to contribute more money
- [13] tend to be heard more in the political process. I
- don't have any doubt about saying that.
- [15] Do I think special interests will stop
- [16] having an impact on what happens in Washington?
- [17] Absolutely not; the political process is interest
- groups have a right to be heard.
- [19] Do you expect the number of
- electioneering advertisements will decline once [20]
- the BCRA goes into effect? [21]
- No, I don't think they necessarily will [22]

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- [1] decline.
- [2] I think you will see more hard money
- [3] contributions. I don't think they will
- accelerate. I don't think they will necessarily
- decline, maybe slightly, but not much. [5]
- Q. Do you believe it is likely that the [6] [7] sort of activities not regulated by the BCRA -
- such as interest group get out the vote activity,
- direct mail activity, phone banks, door-to-door
- [10] operations will increase, decrease, or remain
- [11] unchanged once the statute becomes a fact, if you
- [12] have a view?
- A. Yes, I do have a view. £131
- [14] I think you will see more activity on
- [15] the part of interest groups whether or not this
- [16] law takes effect. I think you will continue to
- see a very robust political debate. [17]
- Q. Do you foresee a shifting of interest [18]
- group activity from broadcast electioneering [19]
- advertisements to the phone bank, direct mail, [20]
- door-to-door type activity? [21]
- A. I think door-to-door activity is going [22]

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- to increase. I think you are going to see a lot
- more people involved in the political process. I
- think you will see a lot more grass roots
- activity, and I think you will see stronger [4]
- [5] parties.
- [6] I think the political parties will
- become stronger because they are going to reach
- out to everyday Americans more and not depend on
- just large financial interests to sustain 191
- [10] themselves.

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- [11] You have mentioned a couple of times Q. [12] today that interest groups such as the AFL CIO
- [13] have a right to communicate with their members
- using treasury funds. I believe that is correct.
- It is a proposition of law, by the way.
  - Using union dues money -
  - Using union dues money, right.
- as does a large business or small [18] A.
- [19] business or whatever.
- Q. Under this statute, you understand the
- [21] political parties, the national political parties

# will be able to communicate with their adherence

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- [1] only through the use of Federally regulated money,
- correct, because that is all they will have?
  - A. The political parties will have to
- depend as they have for years, as they used to [4]
- depend, they will have to depend more on raising [5]
- hard money contributions. I think they will raise
- a lot more hard money contributions than they have
- in the past, but it will, admittedly, be limited
- sums. [9]
- I do want to point out, and I think [10]
- this is important, we increased the amount from [11]
- 50,000 to 95,000 a year that people can contribute
- to the political process, and we provided that
- [14] \$57,500 would go to the political parties because
- [15] we wanted to make sure they would have more
- [16] resources, given that they would have less
- [17] corporate money and union dues money and unlimited
- [18] sums from individuals.
- [19] So, I feel very comfortable in telling
- [20] you I think the parties will be very robust. I
- [21] think they will receive a significant amount of
- [22] money, but it will be different money than in the

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- [1] past.
- Q. Have you seen any sort of empirical [2]
- [3] analysis, the sort an econometrician might do or
- [4] the sort a careful business analyst might do, of
- the financial impact of this statute on political
- parties, state, Federal or local?
- A. I have seen no type of report like you [7] [8] suggested.
- Have you seen any similar type report [9]
- that addresses the beneficial effect of the
- increased contribution limits for national and [11]
- [12] state parties?
- [13] A. The only thing I can tell you is, in
- [14] working with some of the opponents on this
- 1151 legislation, in the process of negotiations, I
- asked some of my Republican leadership excuse 1161
- [17] me, I won't talk in terms of relationships and [18] conversations with members, only to say to you
- that it was expressed to me in very real terms 1191
- that it was important that the individual [20]
- contribution limit be increased from a thousand to [21]
- two and that the political parties would, in order

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- to be able to deal with the loss of soft money,
- that we needed to make sure that it would be
- easier for them to raise hard money.
- We tried to do this consistent with the [4]
- 1974 Act, where the cost of living has gone up two [5]
- or three times. So, we doubled the amounts, and
- we thought that, even among opponents, they [7]
- thought this would be very helpful to the
- political parties and to individual candidates and
- still be true to the legislation we were trying to

[6]

[11]	pass.
[12]	Q. Have you seen statistics, Congressman,
[13]	on the relative costs of raising hard money,
[14]	political party hard money versus political party
[15]	soft money?
[16]	A. No.
[17]	I will volunteer to you that I am sure
[18]	it takes more effort to take raise hard money, and
[19]	that is the reason the parties got fat and sassy
[20]	on soft money. They could just call someone up
[21]	and ask for a million dollars.
[22]	It is a lot tougher to ask a lot more
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[1] people to contribute individual amounts to get to that level, but I think it is more healthy for the [2] parties. [3]

You were familiar with what the [4] Republicans call their victory plans, I assume. [5]

A. No, I am not familiar.

 Just definitionally, it is my [7] understanding the Republicans refer to their general get out the vote efforts under the heading [10] of victory plan, and that encompasses all manner [11] of get out the vote activity including phone

[12] banks, direct mail, door-to-door solicitation, [13] slate cards, the whole shebang.

[14] Does that refresh your recollection?

[15] Have you heard about Republican Party

[16] activities in that regard?

A. I am uncomfortable talking about how [17] [18] Republicans want to win elections since I would not want others to know about it, but if you are asking has the Republican Party determined we need [21] to do a better job of getting out the vote, the

[22] answer is yes.

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Is the Republican Party, the National

Committee as well as the NR.CC doing that? Yes,

and I am thrilled about it. [3]

O. Have you participated at all, either as [4] a state legislator or as a U.S. Congressman, in [5]

the development of the Connecticut State 161

Republican Party's I will call it victory plan, [7]

but I hope you understand I am referring to it as

the general get out the vote effort? 191

A. I have not participated, to the best of [10] [11] my knowledge, in anything you are referring to.

[12] If I have, I have not noticed it as being what you

[13] describe.

[14] Let me just say to you I have had very

[15] little dialogue on the state level about get out

[16]

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[17] MR. WITTEN: Let's go off the record

[18] for a second.

(Discussion held off the record.) [19]

BY MR. BURCHFIELD: [20]

Q. Is there anything that has prevented

[22] you up until now, Congressman, in participating

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[1] more actively in state, in the Connecticut

Republican Party efforts to get out the vote?

A. I don't know quite what you mean by [3] that question. [4]

Q. Let me hypothesize that the Connecticut 151 [6] Republican Party, like most Republican state

[7] parties, puts together what is called a victory

plan that does have components involving phone

banks, direct mail, door-to-door solicitations,

and so forth. I assume that is true: I am not

[11] sure it is true.

A. Let me just tell you we do a pathetic [12] [13] job of getting out the vote, and it has hurt us

tremendously. I have seen individual towns do a terrible job of getting out the vote in the state [15]

party, and we need to do a much better job. [16]

[17] Q. Are you, as a Federal office holder, willing to use your good efforts to improve those efforts by the Connecticut State Republican Party? [19]

A. I want to do anything I can to get out [20] [21] the vote in this Federal election, this state and

[22] Federal election. The best way I can do it is

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[1] campaign hard for my election.

[2] I am also eager to bring in folks to

help my two colleagues, Nancy Johnson and Rob

Simmons, in their election, looking to find people

who will be willing to go and help campaign for [5]

**[61** 

Under the statute, Congressman, a [7] candidate who faces an opponent who puts \$150,000

of his own money into the race has an increased contribution limit, and I believe the coordinated

[11] limit on national party hard money spending in

favor of that candidate is eliminated. [12]

Do you have a view on why a wealthy

[14] candidate that can put \$150,000 of his own money

[15] into the election is more likely to be corrupted.

by larger contributions than his opponent, his or [16]

[17] her opponent, who is unable to put that level of

funding into the campaign? [18]

A. First of all, I don't know if I agree [19] with the premise. [20]

[21] The person who is putting their own

money in has not had to ask any interest group for

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that expenditure, so I think the opponent who has their own wealth has a particular advantage, but I

don't think they are compromised by what they

spend, excuse me, by what they raise because they raised nothing basically.

Q. Do you have a view on whether a \$6,000

donation is more likely to corrupt someone of substantial personal wealth than someone who lacks

substantial personal wealth? [9]

A. The answer is I don't think a \$6,000 [10] contribution will. In the case, this is referred m

to as the millionaire's amendment. [12]

Q. Exactly.

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           A. This was a compromise that I hope The
                                                                 [4] and enforcing the 1947 law with union dues money,
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 [15] Court concurs make sense, and I hope that the
                                                                 [5] and I think we succeeded.
                                                                          O. Congressman, it has been publicly
 [16] Republican National Committee is not successful in
                                                                 [6]
      convincing The Court otherwise.
                                                                 [7] reported that during the consideration of the
                                                                     Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, a number of
      We limit campaign contributions in
                                                                     organizations such as the Brennan Center, Common
      certain instances. If someone is running against
                                                                     Cause, the Center for Responsive Politics, and
      a wealthy candidate, given the Buckley case, that
      wealthy candidate can spend whatever they have in
                                                                     perhaps some others, were of some notable presence
                                                                     in your office and given access to the phones and
      resources. We are saying you could get even up to
                                                                     so forth to assist in the passage of this
                           Page 278
                                                                [13]
                                                                [14] legislation.
      $6,000 from an individual instead of two, up to
                                                                [15] Is that true?
      whatever that opponent raises.
                                                                          MR. WITTEN: I think, at this point, we
                                                                [16]
      I think it is a very practical way to
  [3]
                                                                [17] really have tripped over the speech and debate
      make the 1974 law work. I have to believe that
  [4]
                                                                     clause. I would instruct you not to answer, but
  [5] the Justices were troubled by the fact that, in
                                                                     you are free to answer if you really want to.
  [6] process of making their determination, they
                                                                          THE WITNESS: I would like to be able
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      realized they set up two different standards. I
  [7]
                                                                [21] to answer the question, but I also want to make
      think this goes a long way in trying to resolve
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                                                                [22] sure you are able to do what you are going to do.
      that.
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      It is a very, I think, practical way to
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                                                                 [1] How much longer are we going to go?
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      deal with it. I would also add that most of my
                                                                         MR. BURCHFIELD: We are just about
     Republican colleagues, while they opposed the law,
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                                                                     through.
      supported this provision as they did the $2,000,
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                                                                         THE WITNESS: The answer to your
      the $1,000 and $2,000. I was grateful that so
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                                                                     question is I work closely with Common Cause. I
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      many people supported it on my side of the aisle.
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                                                                     don't feel I work closely with the Brennan
          Q. To put a finer point on this, do you
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                                                                     Commission, but the answer to your question is
      think that Jon Corzine was more likely to be
 [17]
                                                                     that I felt very strongly they could be helpful in
     corrupted on the Senate side if the increase is to
[18]
                                                                     my drafting legislation that would make our system
     $12,000 than his opponent?
[19]
          A. First off, I don't know anyone who
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                                                                    more honest.
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[21] suggested that Corzine, by spending his own money,
                                                               [11]
                                                                         MR. BURCHFIELD: Give me one minute to
                                                               [12] look at my notes.
[22]
     was being corrupted. I hope we have made the
                                                                         (Pause in the proceedings.)
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                                                               [13]
                                                                         MR. BURCHFIELD: I think I am through.
 [1] point it is primarily how the money is raised, not
                                                               [14]
                                                                    Thank you, Congressman.
 [2] the expenditure side. Thinking of my colleague
                                                               [15]
 [3] who ran against him, he had quite a challenge,
                                                               [16]
                                                                         (The deposition was concluded at
 [4] given he didn't have his own personal wealth.
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 [5] Most of the critics of campaign finance
                                                               [18] 4:55 p.m.)
 [6] law have pointed out this provision - if you run
                                                               [19]
 [7] against a wealthy person, but you have a limited
                                                               [20]
     amount you can raise - makes it a difficult. So,
                                                               [21]
     we attempted, in a very practical way, to deal
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[10] with that objection, and I hope The Court concurs
                                                                [1] UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
[11] that it makes sense.
[12] It was not the major part of this
[13] legislation, but I think it has merit, and it is a
                                                                [3] DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA)
[14] compromise. We increased the limits above what we
                                                                [5] I, CHRISTOPHER SHAYS, the witness
[15] did in an ordinary case, but under exceptional
                                                                [6] herein, having read the foregoing testimony of the
[16]
     circumstances.
         Q. You are not concerned that the higher
                                                                    pages of this deposition, do hereby certify it to
[17]
[18] limits would tend to corrupt the person
                                                                    be a true and correct transcript, subject to the
[19]
    challenging the wealthier candidate?
                                                                    corrections, if any, shown on the attached page.
[20]
         A. We tried to get at the worst provision,
                                                               [10]
[21] and the worst provision is not the $6,000; it is
                                                               [11]
[22] the $600,000. I have always tried to make a point
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[1] to my constituents and on the floor of the House
                                                               [14] CHRISTOPHER SHAYS
[2] that what we were trying to end was the large
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Subscribed and sworn to before me

[3] corporate contributions, enforcing the 1974 law,

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