AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-35
OFFERED BY MS. BROWNLEY OF CALIFORNIA

Page 11, insert after line 23 the following new section (and conform the succeeding section accordingly):

SEC. 104. PROHIBITING POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND INDIVIDUALS FROM PAYING FINES AND Penalties ASSESSED FOR VIOLATIONS BY OTHER PERSONS.

Section 309 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30109) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e)(1) A political committee may not pay a fine or penalty (whether directly or by reimbursement) assessed against any individual or other person (other than the committee itself) for a violation of subsection (j) or (b)(9) of section 304 or section 302(j).

“(2) An individual who is affiliated with a campaign may not pay a fine or penalty (whether directly or by reimbursement) assessed against any person other than such individual for a violation of subsection (j) or (b)(9) of section 304 or section 302(j) which relates to the campaign.

In this paragraph, the term ‘individual affiliated with a
campaign’ means, with respect to a candidate, an employee of any authorized committee of the candidate or any other organization legally authorized under Federal, State, or local law to support the candidate’s campaign for election, as well as any independent contractor of such a committee or organization and any individual who performs services on behalf of the committee or organization, whether paid or unpaid, and any individual who made a contribution to such a committee.”