

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-7**  
**OFFERED BY MR. GREEN OF TENNESSEE**

Page 315, line 1, strike “**Relating to Illicit Money Undermining Our Democracy**”.

Page 317, insert after line 6 the following:

1 **SEC. 4002. FINDINGS RELATING TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH**  
2 **AS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT.**

3 Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The First Amendment to the United States  
5 Constitution guarantees the most fundamental right  
6 of our democratic society: “Congress shall make no  
7 law . . . abridging the freedom of speech”.

8 (2) The right to free speech guarantees that the  
9 American people can freely speak about their polit-  
10 ical beliefs.

11 (3) The Federal government should not concern  
12 itself with the political ideology or affiliation of any  
13 of its citizens, when applying the law, offering serv-  
14 ices, or evaluating applications for federal benefits or  
15 awards.

16 (4) The protection of free speech is broad and  
17 covers expressive and political speech.

1           (5) Political speech, including the financial con-  
2           tributions to political or issue advocacy campaigns,  
3           is a vital part of our Nation's free exchange of ideas  
4           and avenues of free expression must be preserved  
5           and protected.

