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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. COATS, and Mr. KEMPTHORNE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Paycheck Protection
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WORKERS' POLITICAL RIGHTS.**

2 Section 316 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
3 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441b) is amended by adding the follow-
4 ing new subsection:

5 “(c)(1) Except with the separate, prior, written, vol-
6 untary authorization of each individual, it shall be unlaw-
7 ful—

8 “(A) for any national bank or corporation de-
9 scribed in this section to collect from or assess its
10 stockholders or employees any dues, initiation fee, or
11 other payment as a condition of employment if any
12 part of such dues, fee, or payment will be used for
13 political activities in which the national bank or cor-
14 poration, as the case may be, is engaged; and

15 “(B) for any labor organization described in
16 this section to collect from or assess its members or
17 nonmembers any dues, initiation fee, or other pay-
18 ment if any part of such dues, fee, or payment will
19 be used for political activities.

20 “(2) an authorization described in paragraph (1)
21 shall remain in effect until revoked and may be revoked
22 at any time.

23 “(3) for purposes of this subsection, the term ‘politi-
24 cal activities’ includes communications or other activities
25 which involve carrying on propaganda, attempting to influ-

- 1 ence legislation, or participating or intervening in any po-
- 2 litical campaign or political party.”

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