

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5175, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. KAPTUR OF OHIO

Add at the end of section 2 the following new sub-
section:

1 (g) FINDING RELATING TO BUCKLEY V. VALEO.—
2 Congress finds that the Supreme Court misinterpreted the
3 First Amendment to the Constitution in its decision in the
4 1976 case of *Buckley v. Valeo* because—

5 (1) the decision failed to recognize that the un-
6 limited spending of large amounts of money on elec-
7 tions has a corrosive effect on the electoral process
8 not simply because of direct transactions between
9 those who give large amounts of money and can-
10 didates and elected officials but because the presence
11 of unlimited amounts of money corrupts the process
12 on a more fundamental level; and

13 (2) the decision failed to recognize other legiti-
14 mate state interests which justify limiting money in
15 campaigns, including the need to preserve the integ-
16 rity of our republican form of government, restore
17 public confidence in government, and ensure all citi-

- 1 zens a more equal opportunity to participate in the
- 2 political process.

