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LAWMAKERS WANT OUT-OF-STATE GROUPS TO REPORT SOURCE OF FUNDS
Walker and Duff to introduce bill to require groups like DLCC
to report all sources of funding

Two state lawmakers will introduce legislation to require out-of-state political committees to file reports with the state elections board that show the source of all funds spent in the State of Wisconsin. State Representative Scott Walker (R-Wauwatosa) and State Representative Marc Duff (R-New Berlin) want groups like the Washington, D.C.-based Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee (DLCC) to report the source of every cent spent in Wisconsin.

"In 1996, we saw one of the most elaborate money laundering schemes in history," said Walker, "Wisconsin voters have a right to know the source of all the money being poured into the state from Washington, D.C. and beyond."

Current law in Wisconsin only requires out-of-state political committees like the DLCC to report funds collected from Wisconsin, but not the source of all funds spent in Wisconsin. State Elections Board reports on the DLCC show that the group had \$113,950 in receipts from Wisconsin and \$167,000 in total disbursements in Wisconsin for 1996. In addition, the political committee WI 2000 (based in LaCrosse, Wisconsin) reported the receipt of \$242,000 from the DLCC in 1996.

"Our proposal would require every political group that spends money on campaigns in Wisconsin to disclose where the money comes from," said Walker, "For all we know, some of this money could be coming from foreign sources."

The Walker/Duff bill would require all out-of-state political committees to file full and accurate reports for all funds received from Wisconsin and spent in Wisconsin. The reports would require the complete disclosure of the sources of all funds used to pay for campaign expenditures by the group in this state.

Walker and Duff hope to have the bill ready for introduction later this week. It is expected that the bill will go to the Assembly Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law. Walker is the chairman of the committee and Duff is a member of the committee

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