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The Committee Report for S. 2 fixes most of the concerns I had below ... although not very artfully.

The shortened filing period is still in there and I don't yet know the rationale for this.

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From: Patel, Swati  
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To: Baker, Josh; Carroll, John; Peters, Hal; Pitts, Ted; Soura, Christian; Veldran, Katherine  
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Subject: RE: Tracking List 2013.01.08

In light of today's hearing at 3:00 I wanted to give you my assessment of S. 2 – fixing the election State of Economic Interest filing problems.

Quick Summary:

- S. 2 requires that all candidates – both incumbent and non-incumbent file an SEI electronically and removes references to paper filing.
- Requires that the election official receiving the declaration of candidacy/petition for nomination verify that the candidate filed the SEI electronically.
- Removes a section that required a supplementary SEI filing if the candidate did not have the most recent SEI filing but adds that an updated SEI is required prior to filing declaration of candidacy/petition for nomination.
- Shortens filing time period to one week (last week in March) instead of two (last 2 weeks in March).

Concerns:

- S. 2 doesn't explain how the election official will verify that a candidate has electronically filed the SEI. This is problematic because counties were very inconsistent in the last election about how they did this, i.e. some were satisfied with a verbal "verification" which is unacceptable; one county watched the candidate file the SEI on their computer, etc. There should be one common written verification.
- There needs to be clarification that the updated SEI filing covers "the calendar year preceding the year of the election." This is not clear in S.2.
- I don't understand the need to shorten the filing time period to one week. This seems to be a side-issue that is not relevant to the actual problems in the 2012 election.

Let me know if you have questions.

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From: Baker, Josh  
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Good Morning,

Attached is the first assignment list; would everyone please take a look and provide input on format, information, etc?

Best,

Joshua