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MEMORANDUM

То:	Members of the General Assembly
From:	Jared DeMarinis Director, Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
Date:	June 8, 2006
Subject:	Fundraising During Special Session

Section 13-235 of the Election Law Article, which prohibits receiving a contribution, conducting a fundraising event, soliciting or selling tickets to a fundraising event or depositing contributions during a legislative session, does not apply during a special session of the General Assembly. Section 13-235 specifically applies to a "regular session" of the General Assembly. Accordingly, it is intent of the law to only bar contributions and fundraising during the 90-day session, which ended April 10, 2006, and not beyond.

The Office of the Attorney General was consulted and concurs with this information.