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## FEC PUBLISHES LIST OF "NON-FILERS"

WASHINGTON - SEPTEMBER 1 - The FEC today published the names of House and Senate candidates and their "principal campaign committees" that failed to file the required "ten-day pre-election report" of their campaign finances in the August 3, August 5, August 10, August 14, August 17, August 24 and September 4 primaries.

In these primaries, the following candidates and their "principal campaign committees" failed to file "ten-day pre-election reports":

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Primary Date</u>
Lawrence S. Elliot (1st Dist.)	Michigan	August 3
Isaac Hood (1st Dist.)	Michigan	August 3
Charles Nemeth (16th Dist.)	Michigan	August 3
William Rostrom (16th Dist.)	Michigan	August 3
Edward Brown (Sen.)	Tennessee	August 5
William Green (7th Dist.)	Georgia	August 10

Starting today, the Commission will continue to publish "non-filers" for primary elections.

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended in 1974 and 1976, states that "It shall be the duty of the Commission to...prepare and publish from time to time special reports listing those candidates...for whom...reports were not filed as so required."

Federal candidates and committees must file a "pre-election" report 10 days before each election, covering their financial transactions up to 15 days before the election. Under FEC procedures, three notices are

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sent to the candidates and committees, reminding them of their reporting obligations, and urging compliance. If a report is not filed following these notices, the names of all "non-filers" are made public.

"Prior notice" is the first reminder, sent on a routine basis 21 days before the primary date, to all candidates whose names are on the ballot in their respective states, as certified by their Secretary of State, and confirmed by lists with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate. This notice simply reminds candidates and committees of their required 10-day pre-election, and 30-day post election reports, and the appropriate filing dates.

The second notice is sent, by mailgram, only to candidates and committees whose reports have not been received 8 days before the primary, and states that this "apparent failure...gives the Commission reason to believe" that the candidate or committee is in violation of the reporting requirements.

The third notice is sent, by mailgram, only to candidates and committees whose reports are not filed 6 days before the primary, and states that "continued failure to file has given the Commission "reasonable cause to believe" that they are in violation, and that "failure to respond may subject [the candidate or committee] to...publication of [the candidate's or committee's] name on a list of non-filers."

When a candidate or committee continues to fail to file after receiving the "prior notice" reminder, and the "reason to believe" and "reasonable cause to believe" notices, the Commission publishes the names of the candidates and/or his committee on a list of non-filers.

In addition to these "expedited" procedures for 10-day pre-election reports, the Commission will notify candidates and/or their committees on a routine basis with regard to monthly, quarterly, and post-primary reports.