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ILLINOIS CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGNS FAIL TO FILE PRE-ELECTION REPORTS

WASHINGTON -- With the Illinois Congressional primary election scheduled for March 18, campaign committees of candidates seeking election to U.S. House and Senate seats were required to file pre-election reports by March 6.

Reports from the following campaign committees had not been received by 5 p.m. March 13:

<u>Congressional District</u>	<u>Committee Name</u>	<u>Party Affiliation</u>
1	Citizens for Harold Washington	D
7	Mary R. Turner for Congress Committee	D

Under new amendments to federal election law, enacted January 8, political committees supporting Illinois House and Senate candidates must file 12 day pre-primary election reports detailing financial activity from January 1, 1980, (or date of registration) through February 27, 1980. The reports were due by close of business March 6. If sent by registered or certified mail, they must have been postmarked by March 3. In addition, contributions of \$1,000 or more which are received less than 20 days before, but more than 48 hours before the election must be reported within 48 hours of receipt.

Only candidates who have raised or spent in excess of \$5,000 or whose authorized committees have raised or spent in excess of \$5,000 on their behalf are required to register. Following registration, the authorized committees of the candidates report all financial activity. Candidates are no longer required to file personal reports of receipts and expenditures. By law, candidates may only act as agents of their committees.

Reports of committees supporting U.S. House candidates are filed with the Clerk of the House. For those supporting U.S. Senate candidates, original reports are filed with the Secretary of the Senate. Copies are also available from the Secretary of State in the state where the candidate seeks election, and at the Federal Election Commission, Public Records Office, 1325 K St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20463: (202) 523-4181 or toll free (800) 424-9530.

The next report required to be filed by these campaign committees will be the first quarter report, due April 15.

Federal election law requires the Commission to notify all committees which fail to file required reports. The Act further requires the publication of the names of those committees failing to file if, after notification, the committee does not respond within 4 business days. This notification and publication procedure precedes any compliance action which the Commission might undertake.