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INDIANA CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN FAILS TO FILE PRE-ELECTION REPORT

WASHINGTON -- The Dave Evans for Congress Committee, in Indiana's Sixth Congressional District, has failed to meet the April 24th deadline for filing pre-primary election campaign disclosure reports.

Provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act require that committees supporting candidates seeking U.S. House of Representative and Senate seats in the May 6 Indiana primary file reports 12 days before the primary.

As of 5 p.m. May 1, the report from Evans' committee had not been filed.

The report was to include financial activity occurring between April 1 through April 16. If sent certified or registered mail, the report should have been postmarked by April 21. Otherwise, the due date was April 24.

Some individuals and their committees have no obligation to file reports under federal election law, even though their names may appear on state primary ballots. If an individual and his or her campaign committee raise or spend less than \$5,000, the individual is not considered a "candidate" and neither the individual nor the committee has to register.

The Commission notified the committees of all candidates on the ballot of their potential filing requirements on March 31. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified that their reports had not been received and that their names would be published for failure to file if they did not respond within 4 business days.

The Commission publishes only the names of those committees which have been designated by candidates as their principal campaign committees. Under Amendments to the Federal Election Campaign Act, effective January 8, 1980, candidates no longer are required to file personal reports of receipts and expenditures. All such information is reported by authorized committees of the candidates.

Other political committees supporting House and Senate candidates in primary elections (those which are not authorized units of a candidate's campaign) also are required to file pre-primary election reports, unless they report monthly. Those committee names are not published by the FEC.

The next report due for Indiana candidate committees will be the second quarterly report - on July 15. The report will cover activity from April 17 through June 30, 1980.