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WASHINGTON -- Nine states will be holding primary elections next Tuesday, June 3, to select candidates for U.S. House and Senate seats. They include California, Iowa, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, South Dakota, and West Virginia.

Under federal election law, committees supporting candidates in those races must file reports of their financial activity 12 days before the primaries.

As of 5:00 p.m., May 30, reports from the following committees had not been filed:

CALIFORNIA

House-18 Bill Thomas Campaign Committee Republican

NEW JERSEY

House-13 Dave Stickle Campaign Democrat

IOWA

House-05 Hultman for Congress (Calvin Hultman) Republican

The reports were to include financial activity occurring between April 1 and May 14. If sent certified or registered mail, the reports should have been postmarked by May 19. For all others, the due date was May 22.

Some individuals and their committees have no obligation to file reports under 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 is required to register.

The Commission notified the committees of all candidates on the ballots of their potential filing requirements on April 28. 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 campaign 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 candidates from these nine states will be the second quarterly report - on July 15. The report will cover activity from May 15 through June 30.