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CONNECTICUT CAMPAIGN FAILS TO FILE PRE-CONVENTION REPORT

WASHINGTON -- One Connecticut Congressional campaign has failed to meet the July 2 deadline for filing 12 day pre-convention reports of receipts and expenditures.

Provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act require that committees supporting candidates seeking U.S. House seats in the July 14 Connecticut Republican Convention file reports of all financial activity 12 days prior to the convention.

As of 5 p.m. July 11, a report from the following committee had not been filed:

CT/05.....Rowland Congress Committee.....John G. Rowland (R)

The report was to include financial activity occurring from April 1 through June 24. If sent certified or registered mail, the report should have been postmarked by June 29. Otherwise, the due date was close-of-business July 2.

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 participating in the convention of their potential filing requirements on June 8. 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 elections (those which are not authorized units of a candidate's campaign) also are required to file pre-primary and pre-convention reports unless they report monthly. Those committee names are not published by the FEC.

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