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CONNECTICUT CAMPAIGN FAILS TO FILE SPECIAL PRE-PRIMARY REPORT

WASHINGTON — Connecticut's 4th District will hold special primary elections Tuesday, July 21, 1987, to select candidates for the U.S. House.

Provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act require that committees supporting candidates in those races must file reports of their financial activity 12 days before the primaries.

As of 5 p.m. July 16, reports from the following committees had not been filed:

CT/04...MORTON FOR CONGRESS...MARGARET E. MORTON...DEM*

The reports were to include financial activity occurring from June 11 through July 1. If sent certified or registered mail, the reports should have been postmarked July 6. Otherwise, the due date was close-of-business July 9.

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 any 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 candidates participating in the primary elections of their potential filing requirements on May 29. 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 Senate and House candidates in elections (those which are not authorized units of a candidate's campaign) also are required to file pre-primary and pre-runoff reports unless they report monthly. Those committee names are not published by the FEC.

Further Commission action against non-filers and late filers will be decided on a case-by-case basis. The Federal Election Campaign Act gives the Commission broad authority to initiate enforcement actions, including civil court enforcement and the imposition of civil penalties (\$5,000 for "any violation" and \$10,000 for any "knowing and willful" violation) for infractions of the law, including failure to file required disclosure reports.

The next report due for candidates from Connecticut's 4th District, who are successful in the special primary, will be the special pre-general report, covering activity from July 2 through July 29. Candidates who do not win their respective primary will not file again until January 31, 1988. Those reports will cover the period July 2 through December 31, 1987.

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