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1988 HOUSE CAMPAIGN FAILS TO FILE END-OF-YEAR REPORT

WASHINGTON — The Federal Election Commission today cited the 1988 U.S. House campaign committee of Illinois Congressman Jack Davis - R (IL/04) with failure to file the required year-end financial disclosure report, covering activity for the last six months of 1987.

The report was to have been filed January 31, 1988, and would have detailed financial activity for the period July 1, 1987, through December 31, 1987, as well as provided summary figures for the year-to-date. If sent by certified or registered mail, the report should have been postmarked by midnight January 31.

On February 5, 1988, the committee, Davis for Congress, was notified by mailgram that the FEC had not yet received its end-of-year report. The campaign had four business days, from the date of the notice, to respond. Failure to file by close of business Thursday, February 11, resulted in this publication. Notification of the required year-end filing was sent to committees on December 18, 1987.

For this publication, the Commission has focused attention only on those campaigns with upcoming primaries in the first three months of 1988. 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.

All authorized House and Senate candidate committees, and other political committees supporting Presidential and Congressional candidates (those which are not authorized units of a candidate's campaign) also were required to file end-of-year reports. Those committees' names are not published by the FEC.

In non-election years, all committees authorized by Congressional candidates must report semi-annually: on July 31, covering financial activity during the first six months of the year, and on January 31 of the election year, covering activity occurring between July 1 and December 31. All other political committees were required to file on either a semiannual or monthly basis in 1987.

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.

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