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FEC CITES CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGNS FOR FAILING TO FILE OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORTS

WASHINGTON — The Federal Election Commission has cited the campaign committees of eight 1988 U.S. House candidates for failing to file the required third quarter financial disclosure reports.

Reports from the following committees with candidates active in the general election had not been filed as of 5 p.m., October 27:

FL/16...DR. JOSEPH SMITH FOR CONGRESS...DR. JOSEPH SMITH...REP
IN/10...JIM CUMMINGS FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE...JAMES CUMMINGS...REP
NC/01...MOYE FOR CONGRESS...HOWARD DEWITT MOYE, JR...REP
NY/02...CARDINO '88...JOSEPH CARDINO, JR...REP
NY/11...FRIENDS OF RIAZ B. HUSSAIN FOR CONGRESS...RIAZ B. HUSSAIN...REP
NY/15...COMMITTEE TO ELECT LEVITT...JOHN LEVITT...LIB
OH/12...GELPI FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE...MICHAEL A. GELPI...IND
TX/04...FRIENDS OF RANDY SUTTON FOR CONGRESS...RANDY JOHN SUTTON...REP

The reports were due October 15th, covering activity from July 1, 1988, (or later for those involved in late primaries) through September 30, 1988. If sent by regular mail, or if hand-delivered, the reports should have been received by close-of-business on October 15. If sent by registered or certified mail, the reports were to have been postmarked by October 15. Committees were notified of their filing requirements on September 21 and those which failed to file were again notified by mailgram on October 21.

The 1979 Amendments to the Federal Election Campaign Act specify that the Commission publish the names of only those committees authorized by candidates to raise and spend money on their behalf. Therefore, this list does not include other types of political committees which were also required to file.

In addition, individuals register as candidates only after they have raised or spent in excess of \$5,000. Prior to reaching that threshold, no registration or reporting is required. Therefore, some individuals whose names appear on state ballots may have no filing obligations.

Further FEC action against non-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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