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## FEC CITES CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR FAILING TO FILE 12 DAY PRE-RUNOFF ELECTION REPORT

WASHINGTON — The Federal Election Commission has cited the campaign committee of one 1988 U.S. House candidate for failing to file the required 12 day pre-runoff election report.

A financial disclosure report from the following committee had not been filed as of 5 p.m., November 18:

AMERICAN SAMOA...COMM. TO ELECT TUFELE TO CONGRESS...F. LI'AMATUA TUFELE...IND

The report was due November 10, covering activity from October 20 through November 2. If sent by regular mail or hand-delivered, the report should have been received by close-of-business on November 10. If sent by certified or registered mail, the reports were to have been postmarked by November 10. Committees were notified of their filing requirements on October 3 and those which failed to file were again notified on November 14. The runoff is scheduled for November 22.

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 may have also been 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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