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## FEC RELEASES FIVE INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on five matters it has had under review (MURs). This release contains only summary information. Closed files should be thoroughly read for details, including the FEC's legal analysis of the MUR. Please see footnote at the end of this release. Summary files of the closed cases are available in the Public Records Office. They are as follows:

### MUR NO.

#### 1. 3176/3167

**RESPONDENTS:** (a) Christian Coalition, Ralph Reed, Executive Director (VA);  
(b) American Family Association Foundation, Don Wildmon, Executive Director (MS);  
(c) Montana Family Forum, Ron Oberlander, State Director (MT)

**COMPLAINANT:** Montana Democratic Party [3176]; Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee [3167]

**SUBJECT:** Corporate contributions; disclaimers; failure to register and report

**DISPOSITION:** (a)-(c) Insufficient number of votes to find either reason to believe or no reason to believe\*

#### 2. 3353

**RESPONDENTS:** Richard E. Neal for Congress Committee, Michael Hall, treasurer (NC)

**COMPLAINANT:** FEC Initiated

**SUBJECT:** Failure to file 48-hour disclosure notices

**DISPOSITION:** Conciliation agreement: \$2,000 civil penalty\*

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3. 3463

**RESPONDENTS:** Durkin for U.S. Senate, James Connelly, treasurer (NH)  
**COMPLAINANT:** FEC Initiated  
**SUBJECT:** Failure to file 48-hour disclosure notices  
**DISPOSITION:** Conciliation agreement: \$1,000 civil penalty\*

4. 3464

**RESPONDENTS:** Dan Branch for Congress Committee, R. Byron Carlock, Jr., treasurer (TX)  
**COMPLAINANT:** FEC Initiated  
**SUBJECT:** Failure to file 48-hour disclosure notices  
**DISPOSITION:** Conciliation agreement: \$1,000 civil penalty\*

5. 3376

**RESPONDENTS:** (a) Congressman Gerry E. Studds (MA);  
(b) Studds for Congress Committee, Edwin M. Martin, treasurer (MA);  
**COMPLAINANT:** Jon L. Bryan (MA)  
**SUBJECT:** Disclaimer  
**DISPOSITION:** (a)-(b) Insufficient number of votes to find either reason to believe or no reason to believe\*

\*Following a complaint, the FEC may make a "reason to believe" finding which may trigger an investigation. Subsequently, the FEC may find "probable cause to believe" violation(s) occurred. An affirmative vote of at least four of the six Commissioners is required for any action. At this stage the conciliation process could begin. If conciliation fails the FEC may institute a civil action for relief. The Commission may close a case at any point. For a complete explanation of the enforcement process - contact the FEC Press Office.

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