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CAMPAIGNS CITED BY FEC FOR FAILURE TO FILE PRE-PRIMARY REPORTS

WASHINGTON -- California and Alabama will hold primary elections on June 2, 1992, to select candidates for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

Provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act require committees supporting candidates involved in the primary to file reports of their financial activity 12 days before the election.

As of 5 p.m., May 28, a disclosure report from the following committees had not been filed:

AL/07...SAM TAYLOR FOR CONGRESS...JACK TAYLOR, TREAS...SAM TAYLOR...DEM
CA/51...POSNER FOR CONGRESS '92...MONA POSNER, TREAS...STEVE POSNER...DEM

The report was to include financial activity occurring from April 1 through May 13. If sent certified or registered mail, the report should have been postmarked by February 26. Otherwise, the due date was close-of-business May 21.

Some individuals and their committees have no obligation to file reports under federal election law, even though their names may appear on state ballots. If an individual raises or spends less than \$5,000, he is she is not considered a "candidate" and doesn't have to report.

The FEC notified the committees involved in the primary of their potential filing requirements on April 27. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified on May 22, that reports had not been received and that their names would be published if they did not respond within four business days.

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 reports, unless they report monthly. Those committee names are not published by the FEC.

Further Commission action against non-filers and late filers is decided on a case-by-case basis. Federal law gives the FEC broad authority to initiate enforcement actions, including the imposition of civil penalties (\$5,000 for "any violation" and \$10,000 for any "knowing and willful" violation) for violations.

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