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## CAMPAIGN CITED BY FEC FOR FAILURE TO FILE PRE-RUNOFF REPORT

WASHINGTON -- Texas will be holding runoff elections on April 12, 1994, to select candidates for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

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

As of 5 p.m., April 7, 1994, a disclosure report from the following committee had not been filed:

TX/10...JO BAYLOR FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE...RAY CHATELAIN, TREAS...A. JO BAYLOR...REP

The report was to include financial activity occurring from February 17 through March 23. If sent by certified or registered mail, the report should have been postmarked by March 28. Otherwise the due date was close-of-business March 31.

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 or she is not considered a "candidate" subject to reporting under the FECA.

The FEC notified the committees involved in the primary of their potential filing requirements on January 31. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified on April 1 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-election 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 for violations (\$5,000 for "any violation" and \$10,000 for any "knowing and willful" violation).

The next regularly scheduled disclosure report for Texas congressional committees will be a quarterly report due April 15, 1994. It will cover activity from March 24 through March 31, 1994 for those committees involved in the runoff election. Committees of candidates who are not involved in the runoff election will file a report that covers activity from February 17 through March 31, 1994.

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