

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION



Press Office
999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463
Phone: Local 202-219-4155 Toll Free 800-424-9530

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
APRIL 29, 1994

CONTACT: RON HARRIS
SHARON SNYDER
KELLY HUFF

CAMPAIGNS CITED FOR FAILURE TO FILE PRE-PRIMARY REPORTS

WASHINGTON -- Indiana, North Carolina and Ohio will be holding primary elections on May 3, 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 primary to file reports of their financial activity 12 days before the election.

As of 5 p.m., April 29, 1994, disclosure reports from the following committees had not been filed:

IN/01..JOHN LARSON FOR NORTHWEST INDIANA..MARYANN LARSON, TREAS..JOHN LARSON..REP
IN/10..MARVIN SCOTT FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE..BRYAN E. MANCOURT, TREAS..MARVIN B. SCOTT..REP
NC/02..NORMAN FOR CONGRESS..GLENDA FISHER TERRY, TREAS..LARRY E. NORMAN..REP
OH/18..BILL DAMSEL FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE..JOSEPH F. RANKIN, TREAS..BILL DAMSEL..DEM

The reports were to include financial activity occurring from April 1 through April 13. If sent by registered mail, the reports should have been postmarked by April 18. Otherwise, the due date was close-of-business April 21.

Some individuals and their committees have no obligation to file reports under federal election law, even though their names may appear on the 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 March 28. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified on April 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.)

The next regularly scheduled disclosure report for Indiana, North Carolina and Ohio congressional candidate committees will be a quarterly report due July 15, 1994. It will cover activity from April 14 through June 30.

###