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CAMPAIGN CITED FOR FAILURE TO FILE PRE-PRIMARY REPORT

WASHINGTON -- Pennsylvania will be holding primary elections on May 10, 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., May 5, 1994, a disclosure report from the following committee had not been filed:

*PA/04...PEGLOW FOR CONGRESS...C. KIRK FRENCH, TREAS...EDWARD P. PEGLOW...REP

The report was to include financial activity occurring from April 1 through April 20. If sent by registered mail, the report should have been postmarked by April 25. Otherwise, the due date was close-of-business April 28.

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 committees involved in the primary of their potential filing requirements on April 4. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified on April 29 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 Pennsylvania congressional candidate committees will be the quarterly report due July 15, 1994. It will cover activity from April 21 through June 30.

*The report was received May 6, after the statutory deadline for publication of non-filers.

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