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VIRGINIA CAMPAIGN FAILS TO FILE PRE-CONVENTION REPORT

WASHINGTON -- Virginia's 11th Democratic Congressional District will hold a nominating convention on Saturday, May 14, 1994, to select a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act require that committees supporting candidates involved in the convention must file reports of their financial activity 12 days before the convention.

As of 5:00 p.m., May 10, a report from the following committee had not been filed:

VA/11...BYRNE FOR CONGRESS...DAVID U. GREEVY, TREAS...LESLIE L. BYRNE...DEM

The report was to include financial activity occurring from April 1 through April 25. If sent certified or registered mail, the report should have been postmarked April 29. Otherwise the due date was close-of-business May 2.

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 26. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified on May 3 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 House candidates in elections (those which are not authorized units of a candidate's campaign) also are required to file pre-convention 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 Virginia democratic congressional candidate committees in the 11th District will be the quarterly report due July 15, 1993. It will cover activity from April 26 through June 30.

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