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CAMPAIGN CITED FOR FAILURE TO FILE PRE-PRIMARY REPORT

WASHINGTON -- Georgia will be holding primary elections on July 19, 1994, to select candidates for the 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., July 14, 1994, a disclosure report from the following committee had not been filed:

GA/02...BUSH FOR CONGRESS...MARYE WRIGHT, TREAS...JAMES C. BUSH...DEM

The report was to include financial activity occurring from April 1 through June 29. If sent by registered mail, the report should have been postmarked by July 4. Otherwise, the due date was close-of-business July 7.

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 June 13. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified on July 8 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 Georgia candidate committees will be the quarterly report due October 15, 1994. It will cover activity from June 30 through September 30.

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