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CAMPAIGNS CITED FOR FAILURE TO FILE PRE-PRIMARY REPORTS

WASHINGTON -- Florida will be holding primary elections on September 8, 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 5p.m., September 2, 1994, disclosure reports from the following committees had not been filed:

*FL.....AMERICANS FOR MIKE WILEY...SUSAN E. SCHREIBMAN...MIKE WILEY...DEM
FL/03...FRIENDS OF MARC LITTLE...CLIVE STEPHENSON...MARC LITTLE...REP
FL/15...SHUKDINAS FOR CONGRESS '94...MICHAEL W. FREED, CPA...MICHAEL A. SHUKDINAS...REP
FL/20...FRIENDS OF BEV KENNEDY FOR CONGRESS...BRUNO SARTORI, CPA...BEV KENNEDY...REP
FL/21...LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART FOR CONG CMTB...AYUBAN TOMAS, CPA...LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART...REP

The reports were to include financial activity occurring from July 1 through August 19. If sent by registered mail, the reports should have been postmarked by August 24. Otherwise, the due date was close-of-business August 27.

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 August 3. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified on August 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 reports for candidate committees will be the quarterly report due October 15, 1994. It will cover activity from August 20 through September 30.

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