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## CAMPAIGNS CITED FOR FAILURE TO FILE PRE-PRIMARY REPORTS

WASHINGTON -- Maryland, New York, and Wisconsin will be holding primary elections on September 13, 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., September 9, 1994, disclosure reports from the following committees had not been filed:

MD.....CITIZENS FOR JOHN B. LISTON...JOHN B. LISTON, TREAS...JOHN B. LISTON...DEM  
NY/11...FRIENDS OF ERIC ADAMS...KELVIN ALEXANDER, TREAS...ERIC L. ADAMS...DEM  
NY/26...ZWIBEL FOR CONGRESS...STEVEN WEISS, TREAS...DAVID J. ZWIBEL...REP  
WI/04...CITIZENS FOR TOM REYNOLDS...KATHLEEN M. FORD, TREAS...THOMAS G. REYNOLDS...REP

The reports were to include financial activity occurring from July 1 through August 24. If sent by registered mail, the reports should have been postmarked by August 29. Otherwise, the due date was close-of-business August 1.

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 8. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified on September 2 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 25 through September 30.

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