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CAMPAIGNS CITED FOR FAILURE TO FILE PRE-PRIMARY REPORTS

WASHINGTON -- Massachusetts and Washington will be holding primary elections on September 20, 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 15, 1994, disclosure reports from the following committees had not been filed:

MA/07...CITIZENS FOR PATRICIA LONG...CAROL ANNE DWIGHT, TREAS...PATRICIA H. LONG...REP
VA.....BLAIR HENRY SENATE CAMPAIGN...NORMAN R. ANDERSON, TREAS...BLAIR C. HENRY...DEM
VA/02...DAVID MONTGOMERY FOR CONGRESS...DAVID B. LYONS, TREAS...DAVID R. MONTGOMERY...REP

The reports were to include financial activity occurring from July 1 through August 31. If sent by registered mail, the reports should have been postmarked by September 5. Otherwise, the due date was close-of-business September 8.

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 15. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified on September 9 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 early report due October 15, 1994. It will cover activity from September 1 through September 30.

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