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FEC RELEASES SEVEN COMPLIANCE CASES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on seven matters previously under review (MURs). This release contains only summary information. Closed files should be thoroughly read for details, including the FEC's legal analysis of the case. (Please see footnote at the end of this release.) Closed MUR files are available in the Public Records Office. They are as follows:

MUR NO.

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1. MUR 3639

RESPONDENT: California Republican Party, Michael Schroeder, treasurer (CA)
COMPLAINANT: Phil Angelides, former Chair, California Democratic Party (CA)
SUBJECT: Improper allocation, corporate contributions, failure to properly disclose debts, illegal extensions of credit from corporate vendors
DISPOSITION: Reason to believe, but took no further action* [re: improper allocation, corporate contributions, failure to properly disclose debts]
No reason to believe* [re: illegal extensions of credit from corporate vendors]

2. MUR 3814

RESPONDENT: Caulfield for Congress, Burton J. Wilner, treasurer (MO)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48 hour report (candidate guarantee of loan totaling \$19,000)
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$500 civil penalty*

3. MUR 3989

RESPONDENTS: (a) Kammer for Congress Committee, Paul Felice, treasurer (MI)
(b) Robert E. Eastman (MI)
(c) Robert E. Eastman Enterprises, Limited (MI)
COMPLAINANT: Larry Stecco, Chairman, Genesee County Democratic Party (MI)
SUBJECT: Corporate contribution or excessive contribution
DISPOSITION: (a-c) Took no action*

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4. MUR 4004

RESPONDENT: Fields for Congress, Inc., Gerald G. Hall, treasurer (LA)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48 hour reports
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$3,000 civil penalty*

5. MUR 4006

RESPONDENTS: (a) Dean Dexter (NH)
(b) Dean Dexter for Congress, Marie E. Dexter, treasurer (NH)
(c) Rabbi Milton Balkany (NH)
COMPLAINANT: Richard Greenlaw (NH)
SUBJECT: Prohibited use of general election funds for the primary election
DISPOSITION: (a-c) Took no action*

6. MUR 4009

RESPONDENTS: (a) Watkins Associated Industries, Inc., Employees for Good Government Committee (Watkins-PAC), T.R. Wade, treasurer (GA)
(b) William A. Freeman (GA)
(c) Bill Watkins (GA)
(d) Mr. Kimberly Martin Watkins (GA)
(e) W.B. Watkins, IV (FL)
(f) George Watkins (FL)
(g) John F. Watkins (FL)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions
DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation Agreement: \$21,500 civil penalty*
(b) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 1,000 civil penalty*
(c) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 1,000 civil penalty*
(d) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 1,000 civil penalty*
(e) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 1,000 civil penalty*
(f) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 1,000 civil penalty*
(g) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 1,000 civil penalty*

7. MUR 4015

RESPONDENTS: (a) Johann (John) A. Clendenin (NY)
(b) Clendenin Congressional Campaign Committee, Frank Maston, Jr., treasurer (NY)
COMPLAINANT: Stephen J. Minarik, III, Chairman, Monroe County Republican Committee (NY)
SUBJECT: Disclaimers
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

*There are four administrative stages to the FEC enforcement process:

1. Receipt of proper complaint
 2. "Reason to believe" stage
 3. "Probable cause" stage
 4. Conciliation stage
- It takes the votes of at least four of the six Commissioners to take any action. The FEC can close a case at any point after reviewing a complaint. If a violation is found and conciliation cannot be reached, then the FEC can institute a civil court action against a respondent.

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