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CAMPAIGN CITED FOR FAILURE TO PRE-PRIMARY REPORT

WASHINGTON -- Maryland will be holding primary election on March 5, 1996, to select candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives.

As of 5 p.m., February 29, 1996, a disclosure report from the following committee had not been filed:

MD/01...JIM PLACK FOR CONGRESS...VINCENT T. BROWN, JR., TREAS...JAMES M. PLACK...REP

Reports were due February 22, 1996, and should have included financial activity for the period January 1, 1996, through February 14, 1996. If sent by certified or registered mail, the reports should have been postmarked by midnight February 19, 1996.

Committees were notified of their filing requirements on January 26, 1996. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified on February 23, 1996, that reports had not been received and that their names would be published if they did not respond within four business days.

The Commission publishes only the names of those committees which have been designated by candidates as their principal campaign committees. Other political committees supporting Senate and House candidates (those which are not authorized units of a candidate's campaign) file either quarterly or monthly reports. Those committees 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.)

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