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FEC RELEASES SIX COMPLIANCE CASES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on six 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.

1. MUR 4115

RESPONDENTS: (a) Gene Taylor for U.S. Congress, Carroll Gordon, treasurer (MS)
(b) The Honorable Gary Eugene Taylor (MS)
(c) Wayne Weidie (DC)
(d) Chevron Corporation (DE)
(e) Mr. and Mrs. Graham Somerville (MS)
COMPLAINANT: George Barlos for Congress Committee (MS)
SUBJECT: Disclaimers
DISPOSITION: (a) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
Sent admonishment letter.
(b-c) No reason to believe*
(d-e) Took no action*

2. MUR 4152

RESPONDENTS: (a) Colin R. McMillan (NM)
(b) McMillan for U.S. Senate, Jack C. Emmons, treasurer (NM)
COMPLAINANT: Robert F. Bauer, Esq.
SUBJECT: Failure to accurately report receipts and disbursements
DISPOSITION: (a) No reason to believe*
(b) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
Sent admonishment letter.

3. MUR 4217

RESPONDENTS: Durenberger '94 Volunteer Committee, Richard L. Evans, treasurer (MN)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Receipt of excessive primary contributions; receipt of general election contributions
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$10,764.81 civil penalty*
Committee will attempt to maximize recovery from pending settlement with the Piper Jaffray Investment firm. Within 30 days of receipt of any settlement proceeds, committee will transfer all proceeds to the FEC as a civil penalty. Committee to refund primary contributions and amend reports to reflect refunds.

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4. MUR 4277

RESPONDENTS: Citizens for Senator Wofford, John D. Sheridan,
treasurer (PA)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour reports
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$10,000 civil penalty*

5. MUR 4280

RESPONDENTS: Democratic Party of Hawaii - Federal Campaign
Committee, Jane Sugimura, treasurer (HI)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports timely
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$8,000 civil penalty*

6. MUR 4302

RESPONDENTS: Nevada State Republican Central Committee, Robert T.
Beers, treasurer
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure report timely
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$1,200 civil penalty*

*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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