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CAMPAIGN CITED FOR FAILURE TO FILE PRE-PRIMARY REPORT

WASHINGTON -- Arkansas will be holding primary elections on May 21, 1996, to select candidates for the U. S. Senator and House of Representatives.

As of 5 p.m., May 16, 1996, a disclosure report from the following committee had not been filed:

AR/03...HUTCHINSON FOR CONGRESS CMTE...C. DALE STUART, JR., TREAS...Y. TIM HUTCHINSON...REP

Reports were due May 9, 1996, and should have included financial activity for the period April 1, 1996, through May 1, 1996. If sent by certified or registered mail, the reports should have been postmarked by midnight May 6, 1996.

Committees were notified of their filing requirements on April 15, 1996. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified on May 10, 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.)

The next regularly scheduled disclosure report for Arkansas congressional committees will be the quarterly report due July 15, 1996. It will cover activity from May 2 through June 30.

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