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FEC RELEASES 14 COMPLIANCE CASES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on 14 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. Pre-MUR 339

RESPONDENTS: (a) Mammel & Associates, Incorporated (NE)
(b) Jeffrey D. Sharp (NE)
(c) Grassley '92 Committee Incorporated, Geoffrey D. Brown, treasurer (IA)

COMPLAINANTS: Referral by Dannie Trautwein, Executive Director, Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission (NE)

SUBJECT: Corporate contribution/contribution in the name of another

DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

2. MUR ~~303~~ 3351

RESPONDENTS: (a) Americans for Free International Trade Political Action Committee (AFITPAC) and its treasurer (DC)
(b) American International Automobile Dealers Association, Inc. (AIADA) (DC)
(c) Auto Dealers and Drivers for Free Trade Political Action Committee, (ADDPAC) Edward G. Connelly, treasurer (DC)
(d) Toyota Motor Sales, U. S. A., Inc. (CA)
(e) Gulf States Toyota, Inc. (TX)
(f) Southeast Toyota Distributors, Inc. (FL)
(g) Qua Mazda/ SAAB (OH)
(h) Gary Olin (deceased) (OH)
(i) Peter E. Blackstock (CA)
(j) Victory Toyota (CA)
(k) Superior Ford and Vic Flow (NC)
(l) Gezon Nissan and David Gezon (MI)
(m) Puente Hills Toyota and Fritz Hitchcock (CA)
(n) Capital Toyota, Inc. and Bob McKamey (TN)
(o) Miller Mitsubishi and Fred Miller (CA)
(p) Toyota North and Ron Napoli (NY)
(q) Williams Auto World and Wayne Williams (MI)
(r) Concours Motors, Inc. and William Wuesthoff (WI)

COMPLAINANT: The Honorable Helen Delich Bentley (MD)
SUBJECT: Corporate contributions/corporate solicitation and facilitation; disclaimers;
failure to designate connected organization
DISPOSITION: (a) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: corporate contributions; failure to designate connected
organization]
(b-c) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: corporate contributions]
(d-f) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: corporate contributions/corporate solicitation and facilitation]
(g) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: corporate contributions]
(h) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: corporate contributions; disclaimer]
(i) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: disclaimer]
(j-r) No reason to believe* [re: any provision of the law]
(b,g-i) Sent admonishment letters.

3. MUR 4246

RESPONDENTS: DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee,
Carol Pensky, treasurer (DC)
COMPLAINANTS: Republican National Committee, David A. Norcross (DC)
SUBJECT: Use of soft money in national issue advocacy campaigns by national party
committee; use of non-federal funds; failure to properly allocate expenses
with regard to federal and non-federal activity; excessive contributions;
corporate contributions, union contributions
DISPOSITION: Reason to believe, insufficient votes to proceed*

4. MUR 4419

RESPONDENTS: (a) Jonathan David Weinzapfel (IN)
(b) Weinzapfel for Congress, Roselle Weinzapfel, treasurer (IN)
(c) Old National Bank in Evansville (IN)
COMPLAINANTS: Maria Cino, former Executive Director, National Republican Congressional
Committee (DC)
SUBJECT: Bank loans made outside the ordinary course of business
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

5. MUR 4423

RESPONDENTS: James Martin Davis for Congress Committee, Mickey Staley, treasurer (NE)
COMPLAINANTS: Maria Cino, former Executive Director, National Republican Congressional
Committee (DC)
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour reports
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

6. MUR 4424

RESPONDENTS: Nevadans for "Spike" Wilson, Michael Kern, treasurer (NV)
COMPLAINANTS: Maria Cino, former Executive Director, National Republican Congressional Committee (DC)
SUBJECT: Failure to report disbursements
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

7. MUR 4429

RESPONDENTS: (a) Delahunt for Congress Committee, Thomas R. Kiley, treasurer (MA)
(b) Henri Blaine, President, Blaine, the Beauty Career Schools (MA)
COMPLAINANTS: William B. Vernon, Executive Director, Massachusetts Republican Party (MA)
SUBJECT: Corporate contributions
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

8. MUR 4430

RESPONDENTS: (a) Jean Leising for Congress, Jim Saner, treasurer (IN)
(b) Floyd Coates (IN)
COMPLAINANT: Marvin Richey (IN)
SUBJECT: Disclaimer
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

9. MUR 4431

RESPONDENTS: (a) Engel for Congress, Debby Linhardt, treasurer (NY)
(b) Marangos Construction Corp. (NY)
(c) Charles Marangoudakis (NY)
COMPLAINANT: Barry R. Ziman (VA)
SUBJECT: Contribution by federal contractor
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

10. MUR 4433

RESPONDENTS: (a) Delahunt for Congress Committee, Thomas R. Kiley, treasurer (MA)
(b) The Delahunt Committee, James Ricciuti, treasurer (MA)
COMPLAINANT: Ian A. Bowles (MA)
SUBJECT: Use of state funds for federal election; violating IRS regulations by classifying and paying staff as "consultants" rather than as employees
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

11. MUR 4437

RESPONDENTS: (a) Ronald A. DiNicola (PA)
(b) Ron DiNicola for Congress, Philip B. Friedman, treasurer (PA)
(c) William H. Binnie (NH)

COMPLAINANTS: National Republican Congressional Committee, Maria Cino, former Executive Director (DC)
SUBJECT: John F. Mizner, Chairman, Erie County Republican Committee (PA)
DISPOSITION: Excessive contribution; failure to timely register candidacy and to report
Took no action*

12. MUR 4440

RESPONDENTS: (a) Sue W. Kelly (NY)
(b) Sue Kelly for Congress, George Sanossian, treasurer (NY)
(c) Chris Fish (NY)
(d) Jay Townsend, The Townsend Group (NY)

COMPLAINANT: Joseph J. Dio Guardi (NY)
SUBJECT: Improper use of contributor lists for solicitation
DISPOSITION: Took no action *

13. MUR 4450

RESPONDENTS: (a) Charles A. Guinta, President, National Treasury Employees Union, Chapter 143 (TX)
(b) Dedra McCaghren, Treasurer, National Treasury Employees Union, Chapter 143 (TX)
(c) Coleman for Congress, Steve Lauterbach, treasurer (TX)
(d) Jose Luis Sanchez for Congress, Robert P. Villarreal, treasurer (TX)

COMPLAINANTS: Benito Perez (TX)
Rogelio Saenz (TX)
SUBJECT: Union contributions
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

14. MUR 4452

RESPONDENTS: (a) Nora Bredes for Congress, Jay A. Schoenfield, treasurer (NY)
(b) Mid-Suffolk NOW, Inc. (NY)
(c) East End Gay Organization (EEGO) (NY)
(d) East End Women's Alliance, Inc. (NY)

COMPLAINANTS: Maria Cino, former Executive Director, National Republican Congressional Committee (DC)
SUBJECT: Corporate contributions
DISPOSITION: 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 requires 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.