



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Advisory to Editors, Correspondents, Broadcasters

The Federal Election Commission will conduct a public hearing Wednesday, June 18, on a proposed rulemaking regarding coordinated and independent expenditures on behalf of federal candidates by national, state, and local party committees.

As explained in a May 6 news release announcing the public comment deadline (May 30) and June 18 hearing, the Commission is considering possible changes to regulations relating to the definition of "coordination," which would apply to party committees as well as other committees, corporations, labor organizations, and individuals.

The proposed rule-changes stem from a petition for rulemaking filed by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, and are also intended to implement the Supreme Court's plurality opinion in *Colorado Republican Federal Campaign Committee v. Federal Election Commission* (1996). The proposed rules were published May 5 in the Federal Register, pps 24367 - 24374.

The day-long hearing is slated to begin at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. Scheduled to testify (in order of appearance, subject to last-minute changes) are:

- Robert F. Bauer, representing the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.
- Bobby R. Burchfield, representing the National Republican Senatorial Committee.
- Joseph E. Sandler, representing the Democratic National Committee.
- Thomas J. Josefak, representing the Republican National Committee.
- Donald J. Simon, Common Cause.
- James Bopp, Jr., National Right to Life Committee, Inc.

There were nine comments received by the FEC on the proposed rulemaking, including those from the organizations listed above. Those comments are available for viewing and copying in the FEC Press Office and the Public Records Office.

Note to television assignment editors/correspondents: Camera crews need to make prior arrangements for coverage of events in the FEC building. Please contact Press Officer Ron Harris or Deputy Press Officer Sharon Snyder (219-4155) before Wednesday if you plan camera coverage of the hearing.

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