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ELECTION COMMISSION ANNOUNCES WITNESSES FOR
HEARINGS ON CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE ACCOUNTS

WASHINGTON - SEPTEMBER 12 -- The Federal Election Commission today announced witnesses who will appear at upcoming hearings on a proposed FEC regulation concerning the treatment of congressional office and franking accounts and excess campaign contributions.

The open, public hearings will be held Tuesday September 16 and Wednesday September 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days, in the main courtroom (2nd floor) of the U.S. Court of Claims, 717 Madison Place (East side of Lafayette Square).

FEC Commissioner Robert O. Tiernan will preside over the hearings. He chaired the FEC task force which initially developed the proposed regulation adopted by the full commission.

The FEC approved the proposed regulation and transmitted it to Congress for review on July 31. Under the Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1974, Congress has the power to disapprove any proposed FEC rule or regulation within 30 legislative days after transmittal to Congress.

In addition, in order to provide public opportunity for comment, the Commission published the text of the proposed office account regulation in the Federal Register on August 5, and scheduled these hearings "for the purpose of receiving further comments from interested persons on the proposed rules."

Witnesses scheduled to date to testify include the following:

U. S. Senator J. Bennett Johnston, Jr. (D-La.), Chairman, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee

U. S. Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), Chairman, National Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee

Fred Wertheimer, Vice President for Operations, Common Cause

Louise D. Wides, Director, Center for Public Financing of Elections

Roy F. Greenaway, Administrative Assistant to U. S. Senator Alan Cranston, (D-California)

Stan Hukaby, office of U. S. Representative John H. Rousselot (R-California)

Robert Thomson, General Counsel, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee