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FOR ADVISORY OPINIONS

WASHINGTON - SEPTEMBER 26: After a donor's loan to a political campaign committee has been repaid, is the amount of the original loan considered to be a contribution to the beneficiary candidate subject to the individual donor's \$1,000 limit?

This was among six Requests for Advisory Opinions (AOR's) released by the Federal Election Commission this week for public comment prior to issuing rulings on the questions. A ten-day public comment period follows publication in the Federal Register.

The retired loan question, AOR #1975-69, was raised by Rep. Alvin J. Baldus (D, Wis. - 3).

Other AOR's released this week include the following:

----Union contributions: Should the cost incurred by a labor union in making phone calls to all its members in a Congressman's district be considered a reportable and attributable political contribution by the union's political action committee? Should the candidate's principal campaign committee also report the expenses as a contribution? (AOR #70, requested by Rep. George M. O'Brien (R, Ill. - 17).

----Transfer of funds: If funds are raised by a committee to publish information about a Congressman's record, can any surplus funds later be transferred to that candidate's campaign committee? (AOR #71, requested by Rep. John Slack (D, W.Va.-3).

----Authorization of contributors: If a campaign committee has received contributions since January, 1975, must specific authorizations of the contributors be obtained to use the contributions to retire 1974 debts? (AOR #68, requested by Hughes for Congress Committee, New Jersey, 2nd District).

----Transfer of funds: May funds be transferred from a state official's campaign committee to his Federal principal campaign committee? (AOR #66, requested by Bowman for Congress Committee, Mich.).

----Campaign billboards: Must the names of the campaign committee chairman and treasurer be included on a candidate's billboard signs? (AOR #67, requested by Thomas A. Walsh, candidate for the House of Representatives, St. Louis, Mo.).