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STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN

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WASHINGTON - OCTOBER 22, 1975: The FEC regulation on having House and Senate campaign finance reports filed initially with the Federal Election Commission seemed to us to fulfill the statutory intent in two ways:

- (1) the literal requirements of the statute that reports be "filed with the Commission", and
- (2) the spirit of the statutory scheme to have a single commission applying all aspects of the law equally between the three different Presidential, Senate and House races.

The House of Representatives has spoken its will in voting down this plan, as the statute specifically empowers them to do. The Commission is disappointed.

Any alternative regulation must insure that if reports are filed initially with the Clerk of the House, they will be promptly transmitted to the FEC, so that full disclosure of the finances of all federal elections will continue to be quickly available at the FEC public records office.