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FEC RELEASES LIST OF "NON-FILERS"
IN ILLINOIS PRIMARY

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WASHINGTON - March 17 - The Federal Election Commission today published the names of Illinois federal candidates who personally, or whose "principal campaign committees" failed to file the required 10-day pre-election report of their campaign finances for the March 21, 1978, Illinois primary election.

They are as follows: (By District)

<u>District</u>	<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Political Party</u>	<u>Type of Report</u>
Senate.....	Lar Daly.....	Republican.....	Committee & Candidate
1st.....	Jackie Brown.....	Republican.....	Candidate
5th.....	Joseph A. Barracca.....	Republican.....	Candidate
8th.....	Carl C. LoDico.....	Republican.....	Candidate
9th.....	Sam Fried.....	Democrat.....	Committee
11th.....	Hugh A. Gallagly, Jr.....	Democrat.....	Candidate
12th.....	Robert M. Klepak.....	Democrat.....	Committee
13th.....	James J. Cummings.....	Democrat.....	Committee
15th.....	Billy G. Newsom.....	Democrat.....	Committee
20th.....	Don Roderick.....	Democrat.....	Committee
24th.....	Lyndle C. Couch.....	Republican.....	Candidate

In addition to publishing the names of non-filers, the FEC has the authority to undertake further enforcement action under the statute, including civil court enforcement and imposition of civil fines (\$5,000 for "any violation" and \$10,000 for a "knowing and willful violation").

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended in 1974 and 1976, states that "It shall be the duty of the Commission to...prepare and publish from time to time special reports listing those candidates...for whom...reports were not filed as so required."

Federal candidates and committees must file a "pre-election report" 10 days before each election, covering their financial transactions up to 15 days before the election. Under FEC procedures, three notices are sent to the candidates and committees, reminding them of their reporting obligations, and urging compliance. If a report is not filed following these notices, the names of all "non-filers" are made public.

Prior notice is the first reminder, sent on a routine basis prior to the filing date to all candidates whose names are on the March 21 ballot, as provided by the Secretary of State of Illinois, and confirmed by a list with the Clerk of the House of Representatives. This notice simply reminds candidates and committees of their required 10-day pre- and 30-day post-election reports, and the appropriate filing dates.

The second notice is sent only to candidates and committees whose reports have not been received 8 days before the election, and states that "this apparent failure...gives the Commission 'reason to believe' that (the candidate or committee) is in violation of the reporting requirements."

The third notice is sent only to candidates and committees whose reports are not filed 6 days before the election, and states that "continued failure to file has given the Commission 'reasonable cause to believe' that they are in violation, and that "failure to respond may subject (the candidate or committee) to...civil penalties and...to publication of (the candidate's or committee's) name on a list of non-filers."

When a candidate or committee continues to fail to file after receiving the "prior notice" reminder, and the "reason to believe" and "reasonable cause to believe" notices, the Commission publishes the names of the candidate and/or his committee on a list of non-filers.