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PENNSYLVANIA CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGNS FAIL TO FILE PRE-ELECTION REPORTS

WASHINGTON -- Two Pennsylvania Congressional campaigns have failed to meet an April 10 deadline for filing pre-primary campaign disclosure reports.

Provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act require that committees supporting candidates seeking U.S. House of Representative and Senate seats in the April 22 Pennsylvania primary, file reports 12 days before the primary.

As of 5 p.m., April 17, reports from the following committees had not been received:

<u>Congressional District</u>	<u>Committee Name</u>	<u>Party Affiliation</u>
2	Bill Gray for Congress Committee	D
25	Atkinson for Congress (Eugene V. Atkinson)	D

The reports were to include financial activity occurring between January 1, 1980, (or date of registration, if later) through April 2, 1980. If sent certified or registered mail, the reports should have been postmarked by April 7. All other reports were due by close of business April 10.

Some individuals and their committees have no obligation to file reports under federal election law, even though their names may appear on state primary ballots. If an individual and his or her campaign committee raise or spend less than \$5,000, the individual is not considered a "candidate" and neither the individual nor the committee has to register.

The Commission notified the committees of all candidates on the ballot of their potential filing requirements on March 17. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified that their reports had not been received and that their names would be published for failure to file if they did not respond within 4 business days.

The Commission publishes only the names of those committees which have been designated by candidates as their authorized campaign committees. Under Amendments to the Federal Election Campaign Act, effective January 8, 1980, candidates no longer are required to file personal reports of receipts and expenditures. All such information is reported by authorized committees of the candidates.

Other political committees supporting House and Senate candidates in primary elections (those which are not authorized units of a candidate's campaign) also are required to file pre-primary election reports, unless they report monthly. Those committee names are not published by the FEC.

The next report for committees of the Pennsylvania U.S. House and Senate candidates will be due July 15. It will cover all activity from April 3 to June 30. The first quarterly report, normally due April 15, was waived for these committees because of the April 10 deadline for pre-election reports in the state.