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FEC BACK TO FULL FORCE

WASHINGTON--The six-member Federal Election Commission is back to full strength following the swearing in of three Presidential recess appointees.

After Congress adjourned December 16 without acting on his nominations to fill the three FEC vacancies, the President on December 17, made the recess appointments. But the Commission was forced to call off its regular public meeting, scheduled for that morning, because the recess appointees had not been administered their oaths of office, and the statute requires a vote of at least four Commissioners on substantive and policy matters.

Among the actions scheduled to be taken that day was the election of a new chairman and vice chairman to serve through 1982.

Having been administered their oaths of office, the three recess appointees now will join the three other members of the Commission on January 7, 1982, for the purpose of electing the new officers.

The recess appointments run to the end of the next Session of Congress or until the Senate confirms the nominations, whichever comes first. Each of the three recess appointees has been nominated by the President to fill the positions they hold now on a temporary basis.

Named to the recess appointments, and terms for which they have been nominated are:

Mrs. Joan D. Harbo of Pennsylvania, who completed a five year appointment April 30, 1981, and continued to serve until the recess appointment. She was nominated November 24, 1981, to fill the remainder of a term expiring April 30, 1983;

Mrs. Lee Ann Elliott of Illinois, nominated on November 24, 1981, to a six year term expiring April 30, 1987;

Mr. Danny Lee McDonald of Oklahoma, nominated on December 14, 1981, to a six year term expiring April 30, 1987.