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## MASSACHUSETTS, NEVADA AND WASHINGTON CAMPAIGNS FAIL TO FILE PRE-PRIMARY REPORTS

WASHINGTON -- Massachusetts, Nevada and Washington will be holding primary elections next Tuesday, September 14, to select candidates for U.S. House and Senate seats.

Provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act require that committees supporting candidates in those races must file reports of their financial activity 12 days before the primaries.

As of 5 p.m. September 9, reports from the following committees had not been filed:

### MASSACHUSETTS

House-11.....The Donnelly Committee.....Brian J. Donnelly...Democrat

### NEVADA

House-02.....Joni Wines for Congress Committee.....Joni Wines.....Republican

### WASHINGTON

House.....Friends of J. T. Quigg for Congress.....James T. Quigg, Jr..Republican  
Senate.....Penberthy for U.S. Senate.....Larry Penberthy.....Republican  
Senate.....Committee to Elect King Lysen to U.S. Senate..King Lysen.....Ind.

The reports were to include financial activity occurring from July 1 through August 25. If sent certified or registered mail, the reports should have been postmarked by August 30. Otherwise, the due date was close of business September 2.

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 participating in the primary elections of their potential filing requirements on August 9. 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 principal 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 elections (those which are not authorized units of a candidate's campaign) also are required to file pre-primary and pre-runoff reports unless they report monthly. Those committee names are not published by the FEC.

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NOTE: The principal campaign committees of candidates involved in primary elections to be held on September 14, 1982 in other states have filed their reports timely.

Further Commission action against non-filers and late filers will be decided on a case-by-case basis, depending on the amount of financial activity involved, the percent of vote received and/or the lateness of the report. The election law gives the Commission broad authority to initiate enforcement actions, including civil court enforcement and the imposition of civil penalties (\$5,000 for "any violation" and \$10,000 for any "knowing and willfull" violation) for infractions of the law, including failure to file required disclosure reports.

The next report due for candidates from these states will be the October quarterly report, due October 15. That report will cover activity occurring between August 26 and September 30.