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FEC SUBMITS PROPOSED REGULATIONS TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON — Proposed revisions of Federal Election Commission regulations governing nonpartisan communications by corporations and labor organizations have been transmitted to Congress.

The revisions suggest the expansion of the types of publications which may be distributed to the general public by corporations and labor organizations to include nonpartisan voting records and voter guides. In addition, the changes seek to clarify the classes of persons to whom nonpartisan communications may be made.

In revising these regulations, the Commission has considered public comments received in response to three earlier notices of proposed rulemaking. The revisions were first transmitted to Congress in March 1983, but were withdrawn in April to seek further comment. The Commission held a second round of public hearings on August 9 and 10, 1983, the first having been in 1981.

The Commission may prescribe the regulations after they have been before the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives for 30 legislative days. The proposed revisions were transmitted to Congress on October 27, 1983.