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FEC PUBLISHES 1ST QUARTER NON-FILERS

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission published today a list of committees authorized by 1984 Senate and House candidates which failed to file the required first quarter financial disclosure reports.

The reports were due April 15th, covering activity from January 1, 1984, through March 31, 1984. Committees were notified of their filing requirements in advance of the due date and those which failed to file were again notified April 20th.

As of 5 p.m. April 26th, reports from the following committees had not been filed:

California..34...Committee to Elect Esteban E. Torres..Esteban Torres (Democrat)
Montana..Senate..Bob Ripley for U.S. Senate.....Robert K. Ripley (Democrat)
Texas.....18...Ieland for Congress.....George T. Ieland (Democrat)

The 1979 Amendments to the Federal Election Campaign Act specify that the Commission publish only those committees authorized by candidates to raise and spend money on their behalf. Therefore, this list does not include other types of political committees which may have been required to file.

In addition, individuals register as candidates only after they have raised or spent in excess of \$5,000. Prior to reaching that threshold, no registration or reporting is required. Therefore, some individuals whose names appear on state ballots may have no filing obligations.

Further Commission action against non-filers will be decided on a case-by-case basis. The Federal Election Campaign Act 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 willful" violation) for infractions of the law, including failure to file required disclosure reports.