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WASHINGTON — Eight states will be holding primary elections next Tuesday, June 5, to select candidates for U.S. Senate and House seats. They include California, Iowa, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, South Dakota, and West Virginia.

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. June 1, reports from the following committees had not been filed:

CALIFORNIA

House-27.....Lionel Allen for Congress.....Lionel Allen Jr. (R)
House-36.....Cmte. to Elect Ed Vallen to U.S. Congress....Edward B. Vallen (R)

IOWA

House-05.....Danker for Congress.....Arlyn Danker (R)

NEW JERSEY

House-12.....People for Peter Bearse.....Peter J. Bearse (D)

The reports were to include financial activity occurring from April 1 through May 16. If sent certified or registered mail, the reports should have been postmarked by May 21. Otherwise, the due date was close of business May 24.

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 April 30. 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.

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Other political committees supporting Senate and House 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.

Further Commission action against non-filers and late 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.

The next report due for candidates from these eight states will be the July quarterly report, due July 15. That report will cover activity occurring between May 17 and June 30.