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FEC PUBLISHES 3rd QUARTER NON-FILERS

WASHINGTON—The Federal Election Commission today published a list of committees authorized by 1986 Congressional candidates which failed to file the required third quarter financial disclosure reports.

The reports were due October 15th, covering activity from July 1, 1986, (or later for those involved in late primaries) through September 30, 1986. If sent by regular mail, or if hand-delivered, the reports should have been received by close of business on October 15. If sent by registered or certified mail, the reports must have been postmarked by midnight October 15. Committees were notified of their filing requirements on September 19 and those which failed to file were again notified October 22.

As of 5 p.m. October 29, reports from the following committees had not been filed:

AR/04...Keels for Congress Committee...Lamar Keels...Rep.
KY/03...The Holmes Committee...Lee Holmes...Rep.
MI/13...Mary Griffin for Congress...Mary Harrell Griffin...Rep.
NY/06...Dietl for Congress Committee...Richard A. Dietl...Rep.
TX/12...Friends of Don McNiel...Don McNiel...Rep.

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.

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