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NEW FEC CHAIRMAN FOCUSES ON AGENCY'S DIRECTION IN 1989

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission's newly-elected Chairman, Danny Lee McDonald of Oklahoma, has announced the formation of two committees - Legislative Recommendations and Regulations - designed to focus the agency's direction in 1989.

The Legislative Recommendations Committee will work with members of Congress, explaining the Commission's annual suggestions for clarifications and improvements in federal election law and urging their acceptance.

Official legislative recommendations for 1989, which by law are due by June 1, have not been finalized. In 1988, the FEC submitted 26 separate recommendations to the President and each House of Congress. Chairman McDonald and Commissioner Joan Aikens of Pennsylvania comprise the committee.

According to Chairman McDonald, Commissioner Scott Thomas of Wyoming will serve as Chairman and Commissioner Thomas J. Josefiak of Massachusetts as Vice Chairman of the Regulations Committee. This committee will oversee the agency's goals in the redrafting of regulations.

Additionally, FEC Vice Chairman Lee Ann Elliott of Illinois and Commissioner John Warren McGarry from Massachusetts will direct the Commission's long-established Budget Committee which reviews program budgets submitted by staff and presents testimony to the House and Senate authorization and appropriations committees.
