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CAMPAIGN CITED BY FEC FOR FAILURE TO FILE PRE-CONVENTION REPORT

WASHINGTON -- Utah will hold a Democratic convention on June 12 and 13, 1992. Provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act require committees supporting candidates involved in the convention to file reports of their financial activity 12 days before the election.

As of 5 p.m., June 9, a disclosure report from the following committee had not been filed:

UT/03...ORTON FOR CONGRESS... STEVEN SCHONE, TREAS...BILL ORTON...DEM

The report was to include financial activity from April 1 through May 24. If sent certified or registered mail, the report should have been postmarked by May 29. Otherwise, the due date was close-of-business June 1.

Some individuals and their committees have no obligation to file reports under federal election law, even though their names may appear on state ballots. If an individual raises or spends less than \$5,000, he is she is not considered a "candidate" and doesn't have to report.

The FEC notified the committees involved in the convention of their potential filing requirements on May 8. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified on June 2, that reports had not been received and that their names would be published if they did not respond within four business days.

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 reports, unless they report monthly. Those committee names are not published by the FEC.

Further Commission action against non-filers and late filers is decided on a case-by-case basis. Federal law gives the FEC broad authority to initiate enforcement actions, including the imposition of civil penalties (\$5,000 for "any violation" and \$10,000 for any "knowing and willful" violation).

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