

# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION



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## FEC RELEASES FOUR INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on four matters previously under review (MUR). This release contains only summary information. Closed files should be thoroughly read for details, including the FEC's legal analysis of the case. Please see footnote at the end of this release. Closed MUR files are available in the Public Records Office. They are as follows:

### MUR NO.

1. 3093

RESPONDENTS: (a) John Baine (MO);  
(b) Maureen Baine (MO);  
(c) John Baine For Congress Committee, John Baine, Jr., treasurer (MO);  
(d) Robert Baine, Jr. (MO);  
(e) Charles F. Vatterott Commercial Properties, Inc. (MO)

COMPLAINANT: Lili J. Cooper (MO)  
SUBJECT: Failure to accurately report; failure to file reports with state election office timely; corporate contribution

DISPOSITION: (a)&(b) No probable cause\*  
(c) Conciliation agreement: \$1,250 civil penalty\*  
(d) No probable cause\*  
(e) Conciliation agreement: \$500 civil penalty\*

2. 3223

RESPONDENTS: Terry Sanford for U.S. Senate, Alton G. Buck, treasurer (NC)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated  
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions

DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$5,000 civil penalty\*

3. 3708

RESPONDENTS: (a) National Republican Senatorial Committee, Sonya  
M. Vazquez, treasurer (DC);  
(b) Coverdell Senate Committee, Marvin Smith,  
treasurer (GA)

COMPLAINANT: Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DC)

SUBJECT: Excessive coordinated party expenditures

DISPOSITION: (a)&(b) Failed by 3-3 vote to find reason to believe\*

4. 3732

RESPONDENTS: Service Employees International Union Committee on  
Political Education, Political Campaign Committee,  
Richard Cordtz, treasurer (DC)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Excessive contributions

DISPOSITION: Reason to believe but took no further action\*

\*There are four administrative stages to the FEC enforcement process:

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Receipt of proper complaint | 3. "Probable cause" stage |
| 2. "Reason to believe" stage   | 4. Conciliation stage     |

It takes the votes of at least four of the six Commissioners to take any action. The FEC can close a case at any point after reviewing a complaint. If a violation is found and conciliation cannot be reached, then the FEC can institute a civil court action against a respondent.

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