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POTTER ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION -McDonald to serve as Vice Chairman-

WASHINGTON -- Members of the Federal Election Commission have elected Trevor Potter as Chairman and Danny Lee McDonald as Vice Chairman of the agency for 1994.

In December of each year, the six Commissioners select one of their number to serve as Chairman and one to serve as Vice Chairman for the following calendar year. The Federal Election Campaign Act requires that the Chairman and the Vice Chairman be of different political parties, and states that a member may serve as Chairman only once during a six-year term of office.

"1994 will be a difficult and important year for the Commission," said Chairman-elect Potter. "Americans remain intensely concerned about the fairness of the federal political process. Campaign spending continues to rise to record levels. With that campaign activity comes increased demands on the Commission's public disclosure, audit and enforcement functions. The Commission is facing a serious shortage of resources, and will be looking to the Administration and Congress for help as next year's budget process proceeds."

"Congress will also be considering campaign finance which would significantly increase the of the Commission's workload," added Mr.

he youngest Commissioner and first new 986, is a Republican. He replaces outgoing omas, who will resume his normal duties as

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Mr. Potter was nominated by President Bush and confirmed by the Senate in 1991. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Potter was a partner in a Washington D.C. law firm where for six years he practiced in the fields of campaign and election law and federal ethics regulation. Mr. Potter's previous experience in government includes serving as Assistant General Counsel at the Federal Communications Commission from 1984-1985. Mr. Potter also currently serves as Chairman of the Election Law Committee of the American Bar Association's Administration Law Section.

Mr. Potter, who lives in Fauquier County, Virginia, is a 1978 graduate of Harvard College and a 1982 graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law.

Newly elected Vice Chairman Danny Lee McDonald, a Democrat, was re-nominated and re-confirmed in 1987 to a second, six-year term as Commissioner.

Prior to his initial appointment in 1981, the Sand Springs, Oklahoma native served as a General Administrator of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Additionally, he served as Secretary of the Tulsa County Election Board and as Chief Clerk of the Board. Mr. McDonald was a member of the Advisory Panel to the FEC's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration. The Commissioner currently is President of the American Council of Young Political Leaders.

Mr. McDonald, who lives in Fort Washington, Maryland with his wife, received a B.A. Degree from Oklahoma State University and attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Created in 1975, the Federal Election Commission is the first independent federal agency established to enforce limitations and prohibitions on contributions, require candidates and committees to make public disclosure of their financial activities, and to administer the public financing program for Presidential elections.

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